

# Headteacher's Update

No 296 20th June 2025

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 1**<sup>st</sup> **July**: Autism In Schools - SEN Parent Carer Forum

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

**Thursday 10th July:** Parent Adoption and Fostering Group

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 23rd June

Timetable week Two

Thursday 26 June: Bake Sale

Thursday 26 June: Summer Music

Showcase

Friday 27 June: Year 10 Sponsored Walk

## Theme of the week: Culture week



#### Student of the Week

**Year 9** Joulian M for running an excellent Minecraft competition

**Year 10** Iris W-M for great work in History.

#### Theme of the Week

The Year 12s put on a Culture Week this week, where the students were able to come dressed in something that represents them and their culture, as well as a bake sale to raise money for Compassion UK.

We also heard from staff and students about their own culture and their favourite food!



#### Summer Showcase! Thursday 26th June 5.30pm-9.00pm

We're excited to remind you about our very special **Summer Showcase concert** taking place next **Thursday, 26th June, starting at the earlier time of 5:30pm.** 

The evening will begin outdoors in the courtyard, where you can enjoy live performances in a relaxed setting alongside something tasty from our barbecue. From 6:30pm, we'll head indoors to the main hall for the rest of the concert programme, featuring a fantastic range of musical acts from our talented students.

Tickets for performers and their families have already been released via ParentPay, and we're pleased to now offer general tickets for anyone else who would like to attend.

#### Tickets are £5 each and available on ParentPay.

If your child is performing, please ensure you have completed and returned their permission slip as soon as possible.

We're really looking forward to what promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment, celebration, and community.

#### **Public Examinations**

Congratulations to all of our GCSE and A Level students who completed their final GCSE and A Level exams this week! The exam series started back in the first week of May so it's been a long road for these students. We have been so impressed by their conduct in the exam

room, and by their resilience, attendance, and commitment to doing their very best in these exams. We look forward to celebrating their successes on results' days in August.

Please do speak to your children about their plans to celebrate the end of exams and ensure that they are staying safe and making wise choices.

#### **Hot Weather**

Some warmer weather has finally arrived! A reminder that students are no longer required to wear blazers on the school site through until the end of term. All students are permitted to wear charcoal grey, tailored shorts, in the summer term. Students are strongly encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school. They are able to fill these up before school, at break time, at lunch time and after school.

This means that students never have to go longer than 1 hour and 40 minutes before they can refill their bottle. Students are never permitted out of lessons to refill bottles. This ensures that no learning time is lost and disruption around the school site is minimised. Students are never allowed to throw water on site and consequences will be issued to any students caught doing this.

#### **Vaccinations**

#### **HPV vaccination (Hunan Papilloma Virus)**

**Yr8:** The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Wednesday 9**<sup>th</sup> **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 con-

tact the office via <a href="mailto:admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a> 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

#### **Careers in the Arts Month**

June is Careers in the Arts month and at King's we have kicked it off with two talks by local creatives, Alex Kalymnios and Phil Bint.

Alex spoke to younger students at lunchtime and then GCSE Drama and Media students about her career as a film director working for the BBC, Netflix and independent features. Over fifty students benefited from hearing about her experiences and career path from school to now.



**Phil** came in last Monday and talked to a group of keen artists about his eclectic career teaching, lecturing, designing and creating his own fashion brand, Hybrid.

We are so lucky to have so many parents in our community who have experiences they can share and who are willing to come in and talk. Huge thanks to Alex and Phil, and all the other people who have volunteered their services.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 3.15-4.15 we have an extraordinary talk and drama workshop lined up led by **Tanushka Marah of Thirdspace Theatre.** I am looking forward to welcoming Tanushka back into King's and for students to hear about her career, from actor and director, to community theatre maker and champion of theatre for young people.

Students can sign up for this workshop with Mrs Grosvenor.

Meanwhile we continue to show students ideas and short films in lessons, about avenues they may not have considered pursuing in the arts.

#### **Celebrating Diversity: A Vibrant Cultural Week**

This week the sixth formers brought colour, creativity, and community spirit to the school through their Cultural Week. Designed to celebrate the rich tapestry of backgrounds that make up our student body, the t-shirt competition celebrated different cultural themes. It was wonderful to see the vast creativity across the different tutor groups.

The bake sale on Tuesday was a great success, we managed to make and donate a significant amount of money. Thank you to all parent and careers who contributed to Compassion UK charity through parent pay, these donations will be used towards a good cause.

















#### Autism In Schools - SEN Parent Carer Forum - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Our next parent/carer form, in conjunction with the **Autism in Schools** project, will be held **in person at King's** on **Tuesday 1**<sup>st</sup> **July** between **9.00 and 10.30**. Parents of all students with SEND, or those who are exploring possible needs are welcome to attend.

There will then be opportunity for discussion with the PaCC 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.

#### **Year 12 Chemistry**

Over the past few weeks, our year 12 chemistry students have been participating in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Schools' Analyst Competition. This year's investigation involved analysing soil samples taken from waste heaps to determine if the ground is suitable for building houses on.

Our students had to carry out three experiments involving titration, chromatography and ion testing. The winning team this year was Ruby and Delna. Congratulations to both students and well done to the other students who took part.

#### King's School Parent Adoption and Fostering Group: Thursday 10th July

We will be running Term 6's parent adoption and fostering group, taking place on **Thursday 10th July, 17:00**-**18:30 in the LRC.** You are very welcome to drop in or stay for the duration of the session. We will be inviting our incoming Year 7 parents and carers, and we hope this will be a lovely opportunity for them to find out a little bit more about King's and meet some of our parent/carer community.

The inclusion team here at King's very much look forward to seeing some of you at this next session. If you are unable to come but would like to arrange an alternative phone call or meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Helena Staples** 

Assistant Headteacher & Designated Teacher (LAC/PLAC)



#### **Sport: U13 Cricket V Blatch**

For several members of the team it was their first hard ball cricket match ever.

King's batted first and scored 158 runs in a Hundred pairs format, with several students scoring their first hard ball run and some good shots to the boundary. King's then bowled and it was great that every student had at least one over to bowl. There were wickets for Stanley, Finlay, Anthony and the highlight was a caught and bowled by Erin in her first cricket match!

Blatch scored 182 runs with a close finish meaning Blatch players blocked out the ball so as not to get out and give King's 5 runs!

Overall, a brilliant afternoon of cricket with lots of fun had!



#### **Sport: U13 Girls Cricket V Stringer**

King's batted first against Stringer in a development game with lots of Stringer girls playing cricket for the first time. King's batted well and scored 126 with all students contributing to the score, with good running between the wickets and some students hitting 4's and 6's.

Stringer fielded well taking quite a few good catches. King's then bowled with every student bowling on a rotation and some students who haven't played much cricket increased their confidence and accuracy each over.

King's bowled and fielded well but two strong Stringer batters scored the bulk of their runs and they scored 138 to win the match. Another good performance from the team who are improving each game they play.



#### Sport: U14 Boys Rugby - Sussex Rugby League Tournament

King's played in a triangular tournament this week against Cardinal Newman and Lewes Priory in rugby league.

King's played Newman first and the history between the two teams meant every game has been very close with King's just edging the head to heads. Newman started strongly and went into a 2 try lead, but King's defence grew in confidence and aggressiveness, stopping Newman's bigger players and then setting up try scoring opportunities of their own, with King's breaking through tackles and clever kicks through to score tries.

King's took the lead after half time but Newman fought back to bring the game closer, and the game became end to end. Newman scored a late try to end up winning 34-32 in the last minute of the game. This was an outstanding performance from the team and gutting to lose such a closely fought game.

King's then played Priory, who took a 2 try lead again, but King's quality shone through, and they began to dominate the game, winning 28-14 to come 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tournament. A huge effort from the whole squad, who showed real fight and character to produce two really good performances.

#### **Sport: Sussex Athletics Competition**

Last Saturday several King's students represented Brighton and Hove at the Sussex Athletics competition. A huge well done to all students for representing King's to the best of their ability and results are below:

Arthur R- broke javelin record – 50.80m

Sherlock R - 200m 1st place - 24.41

Iris – 4<sup>th</sup> and a PB

Alex R—2<sup>nd</sup> place 3000m

Sam O and Herbie H in a sprint finish for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> place in 1500m!



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'



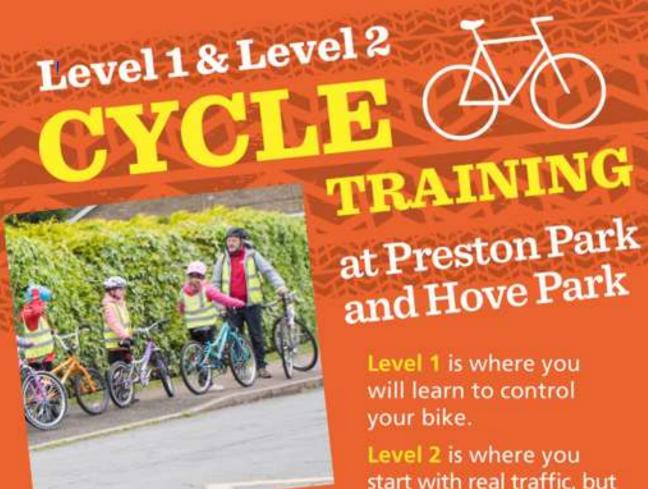


#### **The Wellbeing Hub**





**CLICK HERE** 



Monday 28 – Thursday 31 July Monday 4 - Thursday 7 August Monday 11 – Thursday 14 August Monday 18 - Thursday 21 August Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 August

10.00 - 12.30 each day Ages 9 -15

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

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