



Headteacher's Update

No 298 4th July 2025

Dates for your Diary

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

Theme of the week:

Fully Human: Embracing the Arts

This week we have been looking at different forms of art and what they mean for people. We have looked at different artists and asked students their thoughts on how they communicate meaning through their work, also asking how we can communicate through art forms of our own.

Key Events this Week

Week Commencing Monday 7th July

Timetable week Two

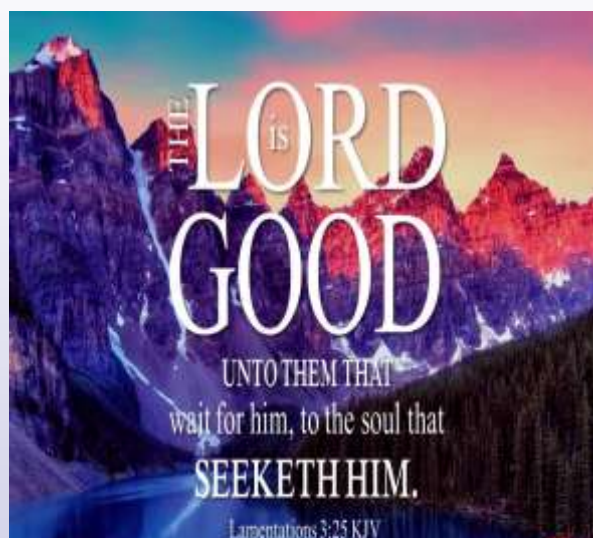
Week commencing 7 July: Year 12 Work Experience Week

Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 July: Enrichment Days

Wednesday 9 July: Year 10 Sixth former for a day

Wednesday 9 July: Year 8 HPV vaccination

Thursday 10 July: Parent Adoption and Fostering Group



End of Term Events and Attendance

As we enter the last fortnight of term students have lots of exciting end of year events to look forward to including:

- Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July: Enrichment Days
- Monday 14th July: Sports Day
- Thursday 17th July: King's Day

A reminder that these are normal school days, within term time, and full attendance is expected on these dates. Staff have put a lot of hard work into planning these enriching days and we hope that students enjoy them.

Last Day of Term

Our final day of term is Friday 18th July. Sixth Form students are not required to attend on this date. All other students should arrive in school for an 8:30am start as usual in full school uniform. Full attendance is expected on this date, as on any other school day. Students will have normal lessons and celebration assemblies during the course of the morning. Students will have a 30 minute break for brunch - students in receipt of free school meals will be able to use their full daily allowance during this break. Key Stage 3 students will be dismissed at 12:25pm and Key Stage 4 students at 12:30pm. No amendments will be made to bus timetables so students will need to check their travel home in advance.



Student of the Week

Year 9 Felix J, Charlie M and Milo L for giving a tour to a new student

Year 10 Maya P-K for great work in Science

Careers



UCAS Parents' Podcast – Getting Ahead of Clearing

The most recent episode of the UCAS Parents' Podcast unpacks the Clearing process: what it is, how it works, and why it has become a valuable route into higher education for thousands of students each year.

This podcast is created for those supporting young people who are applying to university, providing practical tools and emotional insight so that parents and carers can offer guidance with confidence.

[Watch on YouTube.](#)

Med-Chi July Lecture - Medical Supply Chains: Environmental destruction, sweatshops, child labour

Wednesday 16 July, 6pm for a 6:30 start.

Lecture Theatre, Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Eastern Road, Brighton, BN2 5BE **or online via Zoom.**

The Brighton & Sussex Medico-Chirurgical Society present their July lecture from Professor Mahmood Bhutta, the Inaugural Chair in ENT Surgery and Professor of Sustainable Healthcare at Brighton and Sussex Medical School. He was recently appointed to lead the national academic hub for decarbonising the NHS, and has a particular interest in the environmental and labour rights harms caused by medical supply chains.

[Register here.](#)

Hull York Medical School – Medical Mythbusting: Considering a Career in Medicine

Tuesday 15 July, 5pm on Zoom.

Hull York Medical School are hosting a 'Medical Mythbusting' webinar as part of their Medicafé series. Aimed at students who are just starting to think about a possible medical career, this webinar will explore what a career in medicine is like, what sort of subjects and grades you will need to have studied, and what kind of person is suited to becoming a future doctor.

[Register here.](#)

Reminder: On-Campus Meet & Greet – 30 July

Wednesday 30 July, 1:30-3:30pm

We at BSMS are running another on-campus Meet & Greet event for prospective students to visit us on the University of Sussex campus.

Visitors will attend an introductory 'Welcome to BSMS' talk, go on a campus tour and have their questions answered at our Q&A. They will also get the chance to chat to staff and current students.

[Register here.](#) (Note: All are welcome at the BSMS Meet and Greet sessions; however, places will be limited to 60 attendees in total. Please note that completing the form does not automatically guarantee a space on the Campus Meet and Greet. **Registrants should wait for a confirmation email to come through before making travel plans.**)

King's Day 2025!

As part of King's Day, Mrs Bellve (previously Ms Tamplin) and Mrs Griffith are working with the Year 12 students to run a Tombola and a Real-Life Vinted Stall. All proceeds from this day will go towards the fundraiser for Harry Clapham. If anyone has the following, please let us know:

- Access to any prizes or services that can be won in the Tombola
- Items for the stall (new or second hand) including:
 - o Clothes
 - o Bags
 - o Shoes
 - o Jewellery (no earrings)
 - o Toys
 - o Games
 - o Stationary
 - o Books

These can be given to students and handed into the finance office, Mrs Griffith in DT, or Mrs Bellve in So1.

HPV vaccination (Hunan Papilloma Virus)

The HPV vaccination session is taking place on Wednesday 9th July. If you have provided consent for this vaccination, then please remind your child to eat breakfast on the day and wear a short-sleeved shirt if possible.

Students will not be given this vaccination without parental consent.



Summer Showcase

Last Thursday we were treated to one of the most memorable events in our school's history the 2025 Summer Showcase.

It was a truly special evening that brought our school community together to celebrate the incredible talents of our students.

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generous support through ticket sales, the BBQ, re-freshments, and bake sale, we raised an amazing **£2,406.91** for Harry's fund.

A huge thanks goes out to our incredible Music department and the Finance team who worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was delivered with such warmth and care.

Thank you to everyone involved and the fantastic support the event received.





Innovate Student Catering Survey

Please remind your children to complete the catering survey that was issued to all students this week. We encourage students to provide feedback, so we can work with our catering contractors to continually enhance our catering service.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EWReVYxNms?origin=lprLink>



Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh—Bronze Expedition

Last Friday and Saturday our intrepid Year 9s braved scorching temperatures to complete their Bronze Award Expedition in the countryside around Blackland Farm, East Grinstead. The students had to complete two long hikes, pitch their own tents and prepare a meal in their groups using camping stoves. They learned a huge amount about navigation, using all the kit and being resilient. I was so proud of all of the students who showed great fortitude in difficult circumstances. There was a real sense of togetherness amongst the group and it was lovely to see them supporting one another in challenging conditions. Thank you also to Mr Walker, Miss Gonzalez, Miss Wallace and Miss Merieau who were brilliant at keeping up spirits in the camp!

Mr Chamberlain



MFL—Year 8 and 9

In Years 8 and 9 students have the opportunity to further develop their skills in either French or Spanish and parents are now invited to express a preference. This could be for a variety of reasons such as being more passionate for one of the languages offered, family links to a specific country, progress or finding the fluidity between two languages easier, to name a few.

Whilst we cannot guarantee first choice, we will do our best to match your child with their preference. In some cases, a conversation between your child and yourself may facilitate the decision. The total time allocated to MFL remains at three periods per week so in Years 8 and 9, students get three lessons a week in one language.

Students who are already bilingual in one of our taught languages due to speaking French or Spanish at home generally get placed into the 'other' language and can be entered for a GCSE in their home language (French/Spanish) in Year 10 or 11. Where possible, we have also facilitated GCSE exams in other home languages (e.g. Arabic, Italian, Persian, German, Chinese, Russian, Turkish) in Years 10 and 11. Parents are asked to get in touch with our exams officer about this (j.lancaster@kingsschoolhove.org.uk) so the potential exam and year of exam entry can be recorded. We will take into account parents' preferences and views on this so I invite you to please complete the Microsoft Form by following the link below by 8.30am next Wednesday 9th July, indicating your preference and any reasons as to why your child should follow a specific language path. Responses need to be in by that time so that as a department we can set class groups; children will get their timetables in September at the start of the school year. Until class groups are confirmed I am unable to say which teacher(s) will have which group.

<https://forms.office.com/e/S0GctB96ma>

As previously stated, please note we are unable to guarantee that every request is accommodated providing we receive it before the deadline of 9th July but we will try to place your child in the preferred language group.

Best regards,

Mr Leach
Head of MFL



Brighton and Hove Inclusion Support Service



Autism Workshops for Parents/Carers - Autumn Term 2025

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

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

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.

We do not currently have the facility to record our workshops, so they will not be available online afterwards. We are sometimes able to distribute slides to attendees after the workshop.

Brighton and Hove Inclusion Support Service (BHISS)

Portslade Hub
Mile Oak Road
Portslade
BN41 2PG
01273 293481
BHISS@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Thursday 18th September 9.30-12.00

Applying to Secondary School

This workshop will explore what parents and carers should consider when applying to secondary schools. It will discuss key factors to keep in mind when visiting secondary schools, including questions to ask school staff.

This workshop is accessible to all parents/carers of children with an autism diagnosis and/or a language difficulty but will be particularly useful for those whose children are in Year 5 or Year 6.

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

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 363 422 993 242 8

Passcode: 722Ze68R

Friday 26th September 9.30-12.00

***Post 16 – Part 1
What next? Options for education and training***

A workshop exploring opportunities in education and training for post-16 autistic young people in Brighton & Hove. We will look at how to access information and advice about next steps, so that we can prepare them to navigate this major transition into sometimes unfamiliar territory.

Please note: this is a companion piece to Post 16 – part 2 What next? which will run in the summer term, in which we look at next steps for autistic young people through a broader lens, looking at how they can move towards independence.

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

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Tuesday 14th October 09.30-12.00

Thinking about Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

This introductory workshop is for parents who want to better understand Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

During the session, we'll explore the signs of DLD, how it may affect your child at home and school, and what support is available. You'll learn simple, practical ways to help your child communicate more effectively and where to find professional guidance if needed. The goal is to empower you with knowledge and tools to support your child's language journey.

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

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 374 967 954 976 1

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Monday 17th November 09.30-12.00

Thinking about autism

A workshop for parents/carers of young people who are being assessed for autism or who have recently received a diagnosis.

We will:

- look at the complex and changing world of autism
- think about the impact of this on the family
- explore how to draw in support if necessary
- discuss how to navigate the way forward

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

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Meeting ID: 361 660 996 772 7

Passcode: w8nJ6e4b

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Week commencing 7th July

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