



Headteacher's Update

No 307 24th October 2025

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th-Friday 31st October:

HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November:

BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday 6th November:

Year 8 Parents' Evening - In Person, 4:30-7:30pm

Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November:

Anit-Bullying Week

Monday 13th November to 21st November:

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams

Wednesday 26th November:

Winter Music Showcase

Thursday 27th November:

GCSE Certificate Evening

Friday 28th November:

Year 11 Group Photograph

Key Events this Week

Week Commencing: Monday 3rd November

Monday 27th-Friday 31st October:

HALF TERM

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Sports Fixtures

Monday 3rd November:

Yr 7 Netball vs Cardinal Newman

**Theme of the week:
Enduring Love**



Attendance

"What an incredible first half term of attendance - we are so proud of you all!! Have a lovely, restful half term break, and continue with your fantastic attendance when you return in November!"

Student of the Week

Year 7	Eleanor K - For her outstanding resilience and consistently approachable manner since joining Kings. She has shown remarkable growth and greets both staff and students with a warm, welcoming smile each day. Eleanor's positive attitude and determination to settle in and thrive make her a true asset to our school community
Year 8	Jemima J - Excellent work in English and DT
Year 9	Seif ES - For outstanding work in History
Year 10	Fynn N - for excellent engagement and focus in English
Year 11	Maya PK - for great English effort

Attendance Term 1

We are delighted that so many of our students have demonstrated fabulous attendance this term. There are a huge number of students who have exceeded our school attendance target of 96% and many have achieved 100%. We are particularly proud of some of our students, who have ongoing medical conditions, who have shown great resilience and commitment to keep up with their learning even though they cannot attend every day. Our whole school attendance currently stands at 95.5%. A special mention must go to our Year 7s who are on an incredible 97.9%. We appreciate everything you do as parents and carers to support us in maintaining good attendance throughout the year.

Thank you.

Mr Chamberlain

Parent Governor Election

We are now seeking a Parent Governor to join the local Governing Body at King's with effect from 1st January 2026. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who wants to bring fresh and stimulating ideas to the school and to support our Christian ethos. Two Parent Governors are elected as directed by the Articles of the Russell Education Trust, of which King's School is a part. Nominations for Parent Governor vacancies are made by parents of students registered at the school. Should there be more nominations than vacancies, a secret ballot will be held. Parents of registered students attending the school may offer themselves for election. Parent Governors can serve for a term of up to four years (irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered student at the school) and can stand for re-election if their child remains as a registered student of the school. Please see the letter and information document circulated with this week's Newsletter for further information. Nomination forms must be returned by midday Friday 7th November 2025 via email to head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk or in person to the school's main reception. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Price via head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk if you have any questions regarding the role or the process for election.

PTA

All are welcome to join our next PTA meeting on Monday, 3rd November, 7.45pm at King's School in the conference room. We will be making plans for fundraising and community building events and would love your input! Any queries email pta@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Don't forget we also sell second hand uniform and you can also request this via our email address. Items we sell are listed on this link. <https://kings-school-pta.sumupstore.com/products>

Harry's Village Table Top Fundraiser



Thanks so much to those who came and supported our table top sale last Saturday. We had some lovely stalls and there was a really nice atmosphere in the room. The cafe did well too with lots of lovely cake donations and the bottle raffle was a good bit of fun.

We had a tuck shop / cake sale on Tuesday at breaktime to sell off the rest of the stock. In total we raised over **£1700** for Harry's Village.

A big thank you to our school community and all the volunteers who made this happen.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Seaman
Finance office

Author Visit

On Wednesday 22nd October, we welcomed the author Nicola Garrard into our school. Nicola ran workshops throughout the day with year 11 students and year 9 students, hosted a very popular drop in session over lunch, and rounded off the day with an assembly to year 7 students. Students learnt about Nicola's career as an author and what inspires her to write, how to write to express their thoughts and feelings, as well as all the different careers that exist in the world of publishing. Thank you and well done to all the students who participated in the day - Nicola was particularly impressed by the kindness and empathy shown by students. Nicola's most recent book, *On The Edge*, can be bought at The Book Nook in Hove, or online.

Historian of the Fortnight

We are thrilled to announce that Leni has been awarded Historian of the Fortnight in 11B History!

Congratulations to our Historian of the Fortnight! This award recognises quiet dedication during lessons, consistent hard work in interventions, and a friendly, kind attitude towards others. Such positivity and commitment make this student a valued member of 11B—well done on this well-deserved achievement Leni!

Winter Showcase - Wednesday 26th November

It's that time of year again when we welcome onto the stage all the wonderfully talented and musically gifted students of King's School. The Winter Showcase is on a Wednesday evening this year and will be in the main school hall starting at 6.30pm. Tickets will be on sale in advance and notification of this will go out through Parent Pay. Parents with students in the show will be invited to purchase tickets first.

All of our extra-curricular groups will be performing, plus some solo and small ensemble performances. If students would like to audition for the Showcase as a soloist, or within a small group, they are to sign up after half-term on the "sign-up" sheet which will be on the door of MU2.

Auditions will take place on Friday
7th November straight after school in MU2.

It promises to be a joyous event and we look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Brennan and Ms Woods



Year 7: Anti-Bullying week - 10th - 14th November



Our school will be marking Anti-Bullying Week from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November, celebrating kindness, respect, and individuality.

Year 7 will kick things off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November – a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique! Students are encouraged to wear their brightest, most mismatched socks and bring a £1 donation (payable via ParentPay) to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Throughout the week, tutor groups will take part in a tutor competition and will enjoy a range of special activities designed to raise awareness and foster friendship across the year group.

Let's all take part and show that together, we can make a difference!

Miss Woods

Creative Writing Competition

A poster for the Creative Writing Competition 2025-6. At the top, it says 'CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION 2025-6'. Below that, 'Memento' is written in large, bold letters. To the left, it says 'Entries of prose fiction, non-fiction or poetry'. Below that, it says 'Celebrate your writing across the six schools in the Russell Education Trust.' Then, 'This year's challenge is to select a memento. Choose one as the starting point for your writing to feed your imagination.' Below that, 'Word limit: 1000 words.' Then, 'Entries given to your teacher by 30th Jan 2026. Two school winners will be selected from each category: KS2-3, KS4 & Sixth Form.' At the bottom, 'All Trust-winning entries will be published in a book. The overall winner will gain a writer's visit for their school.' The background features a collage of images including a box of mementos, a small statue, and a framed picture of a peacock.

Rugby Roundup

Year 10's - lost 30-14 against Cardinal Newman

Despite a 30–14 defeat, the Year 10 rugby team delivered a performance full of heart and determination. The opening half saw the team firing on all cylinders, matching their opponents tackle for tackle and in attack constantly breaking the gain line, with Matanois breaking through and scoring a try. With strong ball carries and disciplined defence, they went into halftime with the scoreline close and confidence high.

However, with no substitutions available, fatigue began to set in during the second half. The opposition capitalised on fresh legs and pulled ahead, but King's never gave up and managed to turn the momentum, with a well worked move leading to Ben scoring a try in the corner. Their resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship were evident right to the final whistle. MOM was Ben for an outstanding performance out of position.

Year 7s - beat Cardinal Newman 9 tries to 4!

King's Year 7 rugby team delivered a commanding performance to defeat Cardinal Newman by 9 tries to 4 in a thrilling encounter.

From the first whistle, King's set the tone with aggressive rucking, sharp line breaks, and rock-solid defence. Their early dominance saw several well-worked tries, putting Newman immediately on the back foot.

Midway through the match, Newman found some momentum and managed to cross the line a couple of times. But every time they threatened to shift the tide, King's responded with big tackles and explosive breaks that swung the momentum right back.

The second half was all King's. Their relentless energy, teamwork, and tactical awareness ensured that Newman never got a foothold. It was a performance full of character and control — a well-earned victory and a proud moment for the squad. It was brilliant that we had several players playing their first ever game of rugby, but the MOM went to Joe for an unbelievable performance in defence and getting a hat trick of tries in attack!

Year 8's - lost 4 tries to 3 against Patcham

In a closely contested battle, King's Year 8 rugby team fell just short against Patcham, losing 4 tries to 3 — but their performance was nothing short of outstanding.

King's came out strong, setting the tone early with fierce tackling and committed rucking. Their physicality matched Patcham's blow for blow, and a brilliant breakaway try from Guy gave King's the early lead.

Patcham responded with two tries before halftime, but King's refused to back down. The second half saw relentless defence from the squad, absorbing pressure and waiting for their moment. That moment came with tries from Felix and Ezra, bringing the score level at 3–3 and swinging momentum back in King's favour.

With minutes to go, Patcham managed to break through the defensive line one final time to snatch the win. Despite the result, King's should be immensely proud — A brilliant team effort that promises much for the season ahead. This was also the first ever proper rugby match for lots of the team and it was brilliant to watch them improve and grow in their understanding of the game as it went on. MOM Isaac for relentless tackling and running, constantly breaking the gain line.



Football Roundup

Year 7 Boys Football - Blatch 3-1 King's.

King's played their first football game of the season against a very good Blatch team. Blatch started strongly down the hill as the King's players got used to playing with each other for the first time. The defence of the two Henry's and Raef cleared up lots of attacks and Rex made good saves, ensuring it was only 1-0 down at half time. King's grew into the game in the second half and used the slope well. As they pushed for an equaliser they got caught on the counter attack a couple of times and ended up 3-0 down. However, King's finished the game strongly and grew in attacking phases, leading to Vardar scoring a wondergoal from the edge of the box. King's continued to make attacking chances but the Blatch defence and keeper stood strong, ending 3-1 to Blatch. 14 players made their debuts for King's and it was great to see them gel together as a team as the game went on.

Year 10 Boys Football - Lost 2-0 to Longhill

The year 10 boys team played against a physical Longhill side on a smaller King's pitch. Both teams created good chances in the game but it took a wondergoal from close to the halfway line for Longhill to take the lead. The second half was a scrappier affair with boys struggling for possession but still creating chances. King's conceded another goal from a corner and couldn't finish off their chances, meaning Longhill took the victory.



Year 9 Netball

Well done to both of our Year 9 netball teams for their fantastic performances in their recent matches against Hove Park School. Both teams played with great determination, teamwork, and skill, showcasing their hard work. It was a competitive and enjoyable set of games, and everyone should be proud of their efforts on court. Great job, Year 9- a great start to the season!



King's School Parent Adoption and Fostering Group

We are delighted to share our 2025/26 parent adoption and fostering group dates. Our sessions run on a half termly basis, and we hope to offer an opportunity for our parents and carers of our students in foster care or previously in care, to come together and share experiences and/or seek advice. We meet from 17:00-18:00 in the conference room on the ground floor. There will always be someone in reception to welcome you.

The inclusion team here at King's very much look forward to seeing some of you at the first session after half term. 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.

With kind regards,

Helena Staples

Assistant Headteacher & Designated Teacher (LAC/PLAC)

Tuesday 4th November

Thursday 4th December

Tuesday 3rd February

Thursday 2nd April

Tuesday 19th May

Tuesday 30th June

Unifrog Tutor Takeover

This week, our tutors have taken the lead with a Unifrog session, giving students dedicated time to explore more about themselves and the vital skills needed for many careers.

What is Unifrog?

Unifrog is an all-in-one platform that helps students make informed decisions about their future. It includes tools for:

- Researching university courses & apprenticeships
- Exploring career profiles
- Building CVs and personal statements
- Tracking applications and achievements

What happened this week?

During tutor time tutors led session based on the following learning journey. These will take place once a term during tutor time from Years 7 to 13.

How can you support at home?

Ask your child:

- What careers or courses caught your eye?
- Which skills have you added to your Unifrog profile?

Take 10 minutes to explore Unifrog together and start planning their next steps.

Your involvement makes a big difference!

Application masterclasses (10-12 November)



Opportunities from universities and employers

Edge Hill University: contextual offers
Edge Hill is proud to offer Fair Entry Criteria to support students from underrepresented backgrounds. This contextual admissions policy considers personal and educational challenges, offering up to a two-grade reduction for eligible applicants while maintaining the university's high academic standards. [Learn more](#)

PwC: Flying Start degree programme
Applications are now open for PwC's Flying Start degree programmes in Accounting, which allow students to gain a degree and begin their career at the same time. Students can apply for 2026 entry through UCAS. [Share with your students](#)

Lloyds Banking Group: 2026 apprenticeships
Lloyds Banking Group's 2026 apprenticeships are open for applications, with a starting salary of £26,500 and opportunities nationwide. Students can apply for roles in sectors including Data, Technology Engineering, Risk, Commercial & Business Banking, Audit, and Actuarial, and gain real experience while earning and learning. [See one of the roles available and share with your students](#)

National Grid: 2026 apprenticeships

With opportunities across craft, engineering, and business support, there's a pathway for every student at National Grid. These roles are open to applicants in Y11-13, offering a real career start, training, and qualifications. Apprenticeship applications open on 27 October. [Share with your students](#)

Careers education learning journey (11 - 18)

Y13	Create a personal brand (CV and online)	Prepare for interviews	Learn how to manage transitions	Prepare for an employer assessment day	Learn about self-employment	Discuss: the 4-day week
Y12	Prepare for a careers 1:1	Explore pros and cons of Post-18 pathways	Learn how to set career goals	Learn how to network and be enterprising	Learn how to balance life, learning and work	Discuss: what makes a good employer?
Y11	Reflect on your employability skills	Explore pros and cons of post-16 pathways	Learn how to choose a post-16 pathway	Research volunteering and paid work	Compare apprenticeships and HE	Discuss: is AI a threat to our jobs?
Y10	Reflect on your career journey	Explore employer profiles	Learn about different career types	Prepare for work experience	Learn about workplace wellbeing	Discuss: in person, hybrid and remote working
Y9	Reflect on your skills	Explore learning pathways after school	Learn how to choose KS4 options	Find out how to take control of your career journey	Learn how to manage your money	Learn about the labour market (LMI)
Y8	Reflect on your interests	Explore CVs	Learn about the workplace	Find out how to create the life you want	Define what success looks like	Learn about careers and the climate
Y7	Reflect on who you are	Explore dream jobs	Learn what we mean by 'career'	Find out what entrepreneurs do	Learn about work-life balance	Learn about careers and the future
 Grow throughout life Grow throughout life by learning and reflecting on yourself, your background, and your strengths. Explore possibilities Explore the full range of possibilities open to you and learn about recruitment processes and the culture of different workplaces. Manage career Manage your career actively, make the most of opportunities and learn from setbacks. Create opportunities Create opportunities by being proactive and building positive relationships with others. Balance life and work Balance your life as a worker and/ or entrepreneur with your wellbeing, other interests and your involvement with your family and community. See the big picture See the big picture by paying attention to how the economy, politics and society connect with your own life and career.						

Sixth Form Open Evening

Please complete the [Open Evening Booking Form](#) to let us know that you will be visiting our Sixth Form on Tuesday 11th November, from 6.00pm. This event will take place in person, allowing students and their parents, the perfect opportunity for prospective students to get a taste of what we have to offer here at King's Sixth Form.

The evening is primarily for students who will be commencing Key Stage 5 learning in September 2026. The evening will consist of a tour of the facilities, providing an opportunity to visit departments and attend a talk from the Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form. Our skilled and dedicated subject teachers will be available to talk through course options and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you along.



Our Year 13 students were out and about helping to promote the sixth form this week.
Well done to Delna and Ruby!



MCC State School Cricket Club Opportunity



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HUB: **BRIGHTON GIRLS' HUB**

VENUE: Brighton Aldridge Cricket Academy, Lewes Road, BN1 9PW

DATES: U14s – 5/12/2025 5-7
U17s – 12/12/2025 5-7

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
This Hub is looking for **girls** who are:

- aged 11-17
- not County players
- not attending fee-paying schools

Ready to play?
Sign up via the link below or scan the QR code above
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HUB: **BRIGHTON BOYS' HUB**

VENUE: Brighton Aldridge Cricket Academy, Lewes Road, BN1 9PW

DATES: U13s – 2/12/2025 5-7
U15s – 9/12/2025 5-7

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
This Hub is looking for **boys** who are:

- aged 11-15
- not County players
- not attending fee-paying schools

Ready to play?
Sign up via the link below or scan the QR code above
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Week commencing 16th June 2025

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