



Headteacher's Update

No 308 7th November 2025

Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th November:

Parent Governor Election Nominations

Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November:

Anit-Bullying Week and Inter Faith Week

Monday 10th November:

A new musical ensemble starting

Thursday 13th November to Friday 21st November:

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams

Friday 21st November:

King's Christmas Card Competition Entries

Wednesday 26th November:

Winter Music Showcase

Thursday 27th November:

GCSE Certificate Evening

Friday 28th November:

Year 11 Group Photograph

Key Events this Week

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Sports Fixtures

Year 7 Girls Netball fixture on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at Cardinal Newman

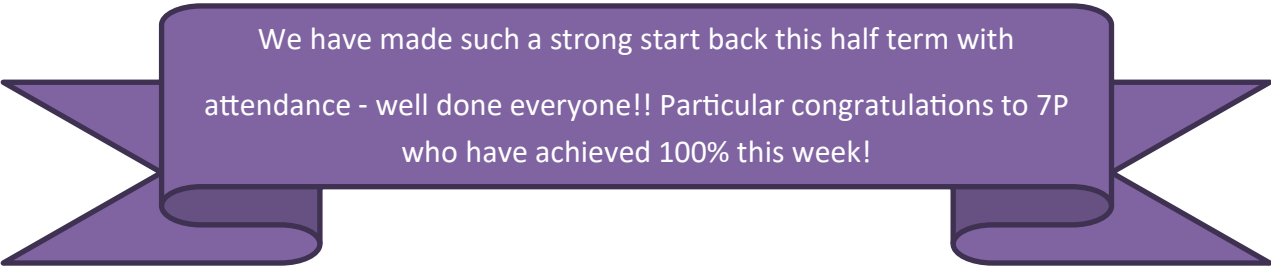
Year 7 Girls Netball fixture on Thursday 13th November 2025 at Blatchington Mill

**Theme of the week:
Freedom from Discrimination**

It is for freedom that
Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not
let yourselves be burdened
again by a yoke of slavery.
- Galatians 5:1 -

FREEDOM

Attendance



We have made such a strong start back this half term with attendance - well done everyone!! Particular congratulations to 7P who have achieved 100% this week!

Student of the Week

Year 7	Leah B: For her wonderful effort in Drama, retelling the classic children's story Little Red Riding Hood.
Year 8	Gabriel MB - For great work in MFL lessons. Joella B - For great work in DT lessons.
Year 9	Jack A—For his great work in History.
Year 10	James M—For History.
Year 11	Giovanni G—For great work in Science.

6th Form closure in 2027

Our 6th form will close it's doors in the summer of 2027.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts to recruit students, numbers in the Sixth Form have remained too low for the Sixth Form to be viable, and we are not seeing the upward trajectory in interest that would suggest that there is realistic prospect of this changing in the near future.

We remain committed to ensuring an excellent education and experience of Key Stage 5 for our current Sixth Formers.

Parent Governor Election—Nominations by Friday 7th November (today!)

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 the end of the day 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.

Jazz Juniors - A new musical ensemble starting Monday 10th November

Starting **Monday 10th November** at lunchtime Mr Pearce will be running a new jazz club called **Jazz Juniors!** This is open to students in **YRS 7-9** who play an instrument and are interested in exploring jazz music. Students will have the opportunity to understand jazz's unique relationship to rhythm, harmony, and melody and there will be plenty of opportunities given for improvisation and (more importantly) listening! Some familiarity with scales is necessary (minimum grade 2), however there will be plenty to take away from the sessions for musicians at any level.

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

Anti-bullying week starts on Monday 10th November, with a new theme, celebrated nationwide, of 'power for good'. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Year 7 students will be marking 'Odd Socks Day' on this date, where students and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school, to celebrate what makes us unique and spread kindness during Anti-Bullying Week. If your child would like to get involved, please do make a £1 donation on ParentPay. All contributions go to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Many thanks for your support.



Inter Faith Week - Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November

Next week is [Inter Faith Week](#), a week that celebrates the UK's religious diversity and strengthens ties between communities that follow different faiths.

There are a range of films and resources about the different religions within the UK on TrueTube. In particular, the film [Climate Change: Multi-Faith Views](#), in which different viewpoints on the climate crisis are explored, and we hear about how various faith communities are coming together and focusing on what binds them together to help combat some of the problems the world is facing.

Year 11 Mock Exams—Thursday 13th November to Friday 21st November

The first set of year 11 mock examinations will start next Thursday and run for 6 days until Friday 21st November. All year 11 students have received their timetables and should (hopefully!) have been revising hard.

Students can get anxious about these exams. It is important for them to see them as a learning experience and to remember that sometimes failing gives more useful information than doing well. If you are concerned about any anxiety relating to these exams please do contact their form tutor or Head of Year.

One of the purposes of these exams is to get students used to being in exam rooms under exam conditions. It is important they get used to the routines that will help them be successful in their actual GCSE exams. One of these routines is making sure they have the correct equipment for each exam. Different exams have different requirements and we don't have enough equipment to lend if many students do not bring the correct equipment. It is particularly important to check when a calculator is required (maths, science, business definitely) and when equipment such as compasses are needed. The best idea is to make sure each student has all of their equipment in their bag and brings it all everyday!

Final things to be aware of

- You can find a link to the exam timetable on the website under Exams [King's School](#) .
- There will be one or two occasions when exams go through break time. We do make every effort to ensure the canteen remains open for students in these cases. It may be sensible for students to bring their own snacks in case what they normally eat is unavailable.
- Some exams will finish after 3pm. This is marked on the exam timetable as well.
- Students are expected into school at the normal time in normal school uniform. They will register on the MUGA and be brought into their exams for both morning and afternoon exams. Students will normally be in their normal lessons between the morning and afternoon exams. We recommend that every student brings in some revision they can do independently if there is the option in a lesson.

King's Christmas Card Competition - Entries by Friday 21st November

We are challenging you to design a Christmas card for King's! The winning design will be printed and used as the school's Christmas card which is sent to friends of the school.

The winner will receive a bundle of their cards to give to their family and friends!

- Designs must be completed on plain A4 paper
- Colour or black and white designs are acceptable
- All designs should make clear the school's Christian ethos and should contain the school's name and/or logo
- Entries should be submitted to tutors by Friday 21st November



King's School Community Event—Wednesday 10th December

With just over a month to go before our first event of the season, it's time to break out the tinsel. Yes, Christmas is approaching and with it our **King's School Community Carols** at St Leonard's Church Hove on Wednesday 10th December. This event is open to all members of our community and will be an opportunity for us to celebrate the Christmas season together.

Over the last two years we have loved gathering students, staff, parents and grandparents together to sing carols together. This year we are again inviting parents and carers, grandparents and staff to come and experience the joy of making music with us by joining our King's School Christmas Community Choir, performing at the Community Carols on Wednesday 10th December.

We are aiming to rehearse and perform two pieces of music: the well known In the Bleak Midwinter and a version of The Holly and the Ivy. Singers do not need to have any experience and no audition is necessary, just come and sing and enjoy. If you aren't a singer but play an instrument, we would love you to join the Orchestra in accompanying us.

We will have two rehearsals this year on **Monday 17th November 6.00-7.00pm** and **Saturday 6th December 10.30-12.00am**.

If you would like to join the singing or playing for this event, please complete the linked form [King's School Community Carols - Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Fill out form](#) to tell us about what part you sing or instrument you play and let us know your email address so we can send you the music in advance.

KS3 Drama Key Terms

This term students will be covering these keywords in their Drama lessons. Please do talk to them about what they mean and how they may have applied them in lessons. Hopefully by Christmas they will know what they all mean.

Year 7

Narration	Role Play
Thought-tracking	Rehearsal
Improvisation	Slo(w) Mo(tion)
Chorus	Flashback

Year 8

Table read	Empathise
Cold read	Staging
Script	Impact
Objective	Back-story
Playwright	Director/direction
Character/isation	

Year 9

Naturalism
Character/isation
Direction
Emotion memory
Imagination
The System
Units and Objectives
Blocking
Rehearse/rehearsal

Inspiring Futures: Adam Gee Shares Career Insights with Year 10

On Tuesday 4th November, Year 10 students were treated to an engaging and thought-provoking careers talk delivered by Adam Gee, a respected professional in the media and digital innovation sector. The session was part of the school's ongoing commitment to preparing students for life beyond the classroom by exposing them to a wide range of career pathways and real-world experiences.

Adam Gee, known for his pioneering work in television and digital content creation, shared his personal career journey—from early aspirations to his current role shaping the future of interactive media. His talk highlighted the importance of creativity, adaptability, and resilience in today's rapidly evolving job market.

Students were captivated by Adam's stories of working on award-winning projects and collaborating with major broadcasters and digital platforms. He also offered practical advice on how to identify and pursue passions, the value of networking, and the importance of staying curious and open to new opportunities.

Parents are encouraged to continue these conversations at home, helping students reflect on what they learned and how it might influence their future choices.

If you would like to come in and share your career story do not hesitate to email into sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

25.26 Head Student Announcement

I'm very proud to announce, that following a record number of Head Student applications, our two Head Students have been elected. Luka M and Zara Q will be taking on these roles this academic year, after receiving the most amount of student and staff votes before half term. Zara wanted to share the following message...

"It's a great honour for me to become Head Student of King's School. Thank you for all of the support many of you have been giving me and thank you for your votes, I'm very grateful. I have many ideas for the future of King's that's going to benefit us all and I look forward to being your representative, thank you very much".

Luka and Zara will be working closely with our Year 11 Deputy Head Students, Year 10 Prefects and wider KS3 student leaders. We look forward to sharing further updates regarding student voice and what are students are getting involved in, both within and outside of the curriculum.

King's School Prayer Group - November and December

Did you know that King's has a Parent Prayer group that meets to pray for our school? We represent many different churches across Brighton and Hove and come together for Christian prayer.

Our meeting dates are:

Friday, 14th November, 9.15am at King's

Monday, 24th November, 7.30pm on Zoom (email to receive the meeting details)

Friday, 12th December, 9.15am at King's

Anyone is welcome. If you'd like Zoom details for the online meeting and/or would like to join our Prayer Group what's app, you can email amanda.roberts81@hotmail.co.uk.

We also have a what's app group if you'd like to join.

WHAT NEXT COLLEGE?

Thinking about what comes after GCSEs?

If you're in Year 11 – or a parent or carer helping someone decide their next steps – this online event is for you!

Join Get Career Confident's qualified careers advisors for a friendly, informative session all about applying to college in Sussex.

You'll find out:

- How to choose the right course and college
- How college options connect to your future plans
- What to expect from the application process
- Plus – access videos and guides to help you along the way

This event is free and open to everyone, but will be especially useful for those planning to start college in September 2026.

FREE ONLINE
EVENT

NOVEMBER

24

6-7PM



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Age: 14 - 19

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**Saturday
Open Day
23rd Nov
10.00-
11.30**



OFSTED RATED GOOD

Tues 8 th Oct	Wed 23 rd Oct	Wed 6 th Nov	Tue 12 th Nov	Mon 18 th Nov	Thur 28 th Nov
09:30- 10:30	09:30- 10:30	13:30- 14:30	09:30- 10:30	13:30- 14:30	09:30- 10:30

*To book a place please phone 01273 770777
or email admin@wblatch.brighton-hove.sch.uk*



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OPEN DAYS

Is your child starting school next September?

Join us for a tour to learn about our vibrant curriculum and how we value and grow each child



Thurs 23rd October: 09:30-10:30

Tues 4th November: 13:30-14:30

Wed 12th November: 09:30-10:30

Mon 17th November: 13:30-14:30

Sat 22nd November: 10:00-11:30

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**Please contact the school to
book a place on a tour**

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Sat 22nd November

10:00-11:30

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**Please contact the school to book a
place**

Free parking available in school car park

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— from Teen Tips —

This week's content
Week commencing 16th June 2025

PODCAST: Care plans and support for families impacted by suicide with Fiona Yassin, MSc. Neuroscience and Mental Health (King's College London), International Clinical Director of The Wave Clinic

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