



Headteacher's Update

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Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 28th November:

Afrori Book Fair

Friday 5th December:

First Enrichment Day

Monday 8th December:

Flu vaccination for Years 7—11

Key Events this Week

Thursday 13th November to Friday 21st November:

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams

Friday 21st November:

King's Christmas Card Competition Entries

Sports Fixtures

**Year 7 Girls football fixture on Monday
17th November 2025 at Hove Park**

**Year 9 Netball fixture on Wednesday 19th
November 2025 at Hove Park lower valley
site**

Theme of the week:

Law (Rights and Responsibilities)



Attendance

"Year 11 have made a fantastic start to their first set of mocks - 100% attendance on the first day! Well done Year 11!!"

Student of the Week

Year 7	Eli C - For "Fantastic effort and contributions in science lessons - I am really impressed by Eli's effort the whole year so far" - Mr. Pearce
Year 8	Otto H - For great work in English Hannah A - For great work in History
Year 9	Erin BW
Year 10	Benjamin A - For excelling in History this term, completing additional practice questions. He also led KS3 History Heroes, delivering a session on Remembrance.
Year 11	Nia J - For great work in History!
Year 12	Phoebe H - For helping direct Alice, generous and supportive work so far

Remembrance

On Thursday 11th November just after 11am we joined the nation in marking two minutes silence in remembrance of those who have died in conflict. Students and staff throughout the school took time to remember the Armed Forces and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and all those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict. As part of marking of this occasion, our Head Students Luka and Zara laid a wreath outside the school.



Daniel O'S is our Historian of the fortnight! 4th - 17th November

Daniel has made an excellent start to Year 11. He is organised, diligent, hard working and forward thinking. Daniel shows real understanding and confidence in his verbal answers and often leads discussions and our class Q and As.

Daniel also attends History Club on Fridays, baking regularly for its attendees. He has a clear passion for History and a great understanding of world wide socio political issues drawn from historical events. Daniel was also great company on the recent Berlin trip and was able to showcase his detailed understanding of the topics taught.

Well done Dan, a very well deserved ascension to the throne!



Lilika S is our Historian of the fortnight!

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

Congratulations to our **Historian of the Fortnight**! Your hard work and dedication in lessons have really stood out, and your consistent effort in completing thoughtful and detailed homework has been impressive. You make valuable contributions to class discussions and always show curiosity by asking insightful questions. It has been fantastic to see improvements to your historical writing which has made your essays both sophisticated and high achieving.

Well done, Lili!



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



Afrori Book Fair - Friday 28th November

On the 28th November, parents are invited to attend our Afrori Book Fair taking place in the school hall between 3:00 and 3:45 in the school hall. Parents and students are encouraged to come along to see the wonderful books stocked by a local independent book store celebrating Black literature, and perhaps stock up on a Christmas present or two.



First Enrichment Day - Friday 5th December

On these days students from all year groups will be taking part in activities outside of the regular curriculum. This is an opportunity for students to go on trips, to experience theatre, and to explore themes affecting the wider community.

Year 7 students will either be going to the Science museum in London or will be in School watching the Globe Players Theatre group and taking part in a series of Dicken's themed Christmas activities.

Year 8 students have had the choice of going to the Tate Modern in London and exploring the Leake Street graffiti tunnels, or they will be meeting in school to walk on the South Downs with the Geography department to explore the national park on our doorstep.

Year 9 students are in school to take part in a careers themed day ahead of the GCSE options process. In addition to a number of careers activities running in the morning, they will take part in a careers fair where they will be able to meet with a number of local employers.

Year 10 students are either going to Hampton Court to explore the Tudor element of the History GCSE in more detail, or they will be in school completing a series of practical activities looking at sustainability.

Year 11 are in school for the day. In the morning they will have their year group photo before taking part in activities ranging from preparing for their year book and prom, improving exam preparation and technique, and the importance of being active and creative to support wellbeing.

Students who are in school for the day will have a slightly amended school day. Enrichment day starts at 8:30 and ends at 14:30. All students should be in full school uniform unless they are told otherwise in specific trip letters.

Flu vaccination (nasal spray) Years 7—11: Monday 8th December

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Monday 8th December** to administer the Flu vaccination (nasal spray) to students in Years 7 to 11. Parents and carers of students in years 7-11 will have recently received communication regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give or refuse consent for this vaccination.

If you did not receive this information, please email the school via medical@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to request the information to be re-sent to you.

The online consent form must be completed by 11am on **Thursday 4th December**, in order for a student to be included in the vaccination session at school on Monday 8th December.

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

King's School Christmas 2025 Events

We have several school events planned to celebrate the Christmas season. We would especially like to invite parents, carers and wider members of the King's community our **King's Community Carols**, held at St Leonard's Church, Hove on Wednesday 10th December. More information about these events will be communicated home nearer to the time, but for now our key dates are below.

Date	Event
Monday 8 th December	Whole school Carol Services at Bishop Hannington Church <i>These services, during the school day, are for our students only. Students will be walked down to Bishop Hannington Church for a carol service and dismissed from there.</i>
Tuesday 9 th December - Wednesday 10 th December	Advent Prayer Space <i>Off the Fence will be running our annual Advent Prayer Space. This provides students with an opportunity to engage in a range of activities that lead to prayer and/or reflection at a very busy time of year.</i> King's Community Carols at St Leonard's Church, Hove <i>We would love to welcome all parents, carers and wider members of the King's community to this event. This will also include a community choir piece. If you would like to join the singing or playing for this event, please complete the linked form</i>
Wednesday 10 th December 6.00pm-7.00pm	<u>King's School Community Carols - Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Fill out form</u> <i>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.</i> <i>We will have two rehearsals this year on Monday 17th November 6.00-7.00pm and Saturday 6th December 10.30-12.00am.</i>
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day <i>We will be serving Christmas lunch on the penultimate day of term. We will also be taking the opportunity to fundraise for local charities through our Christmas Jumper Day.</i>

Inspire Club: Broadening Horizons with St John's College, Oxford

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity that our Year 9 students have recently engaged with through the **Inspire Club**, a programme run by **St John's College, Oxford**. This initiative is designed to stretch and challenge students academically, while fostering curiosity and confidence in exploring new ideas.

The Inspire Club provides a series of interactive activities, thought-provoking resources, and competitions aimed at encouraging students to think critically and creatively. Through this programme, our Year 9 students have been introduced to topics beyond the standard curriculum, giving them a taste of university-level thinking and inspiring them to aim high in their future studies.

In the **Printmaking workshop**, students explored traditional and contemporary techniques, learning how to create original designs using professional tools and materials. This hands-on experience encouraged artistic expression and introduced students to the processes behind producing high-quality prints. Many students commented on how rewarding it was to see their ideas come to life through this creative medium.

Participation in the Inspire Club not only develops academic skills but also nurtures resilience and independent learning—qualities that are essential for success at GCSE and beyond. Mrs Coles is proud of the students' enthusiasm and commitment to making the most of this opportunity.

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Year 12 Work Experience at Down House

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of one of our Year 12 students, who recently undertook a highly enriching work experience placement at **Down House**, the former home of Charles Darwin and a site of significant historical and scientific importance.

Esme explained 'I had the privilege of working with the on site mycologist and ecologist of Down House Bob Harrop. The image at the side shows a few of the specimens we found that he took to study further and identify afterwards'.



Year 7 Odd Socks Day Celebrations!

This year's Odd Socks Day was a fantastic success! Our Year 7's came together to celebrate individuality and kindness, with all tutor groups proudly showing off their colourful and creative odd socks - a wonderful display and reminder that it's okay to be different. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped raise money for the Anti-Bullying Alliance, and a special congratulations to **7R**, the winners of our Odd Socks Photo Competition! Enjoy a look at some of the brilliant photos from the day.

Don't forget - the **Art and Poetry Competition** on the theme "Power for Good" closes on **Monday 17th November**. All entries will receive a small edible prize, and the lucky winner will take home a larger edible treat plus have their work proudly displayed around the school!

We raised £61 to go towards the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Miss Woods - Head of Year 7



History Heroes Remembrance Session

On Tuesday, 11th November, History Heroes had a special session delivered by Benjamin Agostin in Year 10. Benjamin guided students through the focus of Remembrance, discussing war loss and battles.

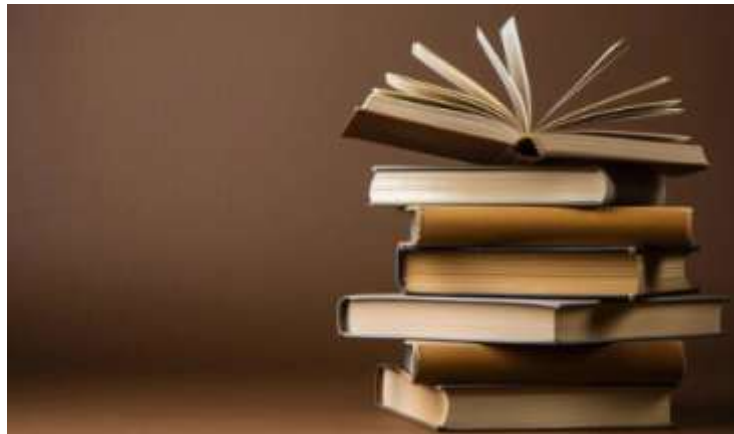
He spoke of all the key battles of the First World War and why it was named the 'Great War.'

Students enjoyed this session remarking that Benjamin was very informative and should be a teacher himself.

One student commented that a highlight was the Battle of Tanga and why it was known as the Battle of the Bees.

Library wishlist

We are delighted that the library is being so well used this term and that students are wanting to borrow books! At the request of students themselves, we are looking to get more graphic novels into the library, as well as more non fiction texts to be used during lessons. Please see the attached link for our current library wishlist - although all age-appropriate donations are appreciated <https://amzn.eu/1x3QHTZ>



Paddington the Musical - May 2026

We have reserved 49 tickets to see Paddington the Musical next May. The performance will take place in the evening of Thursday 14th May, 2026 at the Savoy Theatre in London. Students will travel by coach after school. It will be a late return that evening. This will be open to Years 7-10 and 12.

We are opening up ParentPay at 4:00pm on Monday 17th November and places will be available on a first come, first served basis.



Sunday 07 December

6–8:30pm

All Saints, The Drive, Hove, BN3 3QE

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spinal injury.**

**Huge thank you to All Saints,
Hove and Madame Jennifer
for their support of this event.**

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