

Headteacher's Update

No 310 21st November 2025

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th November:

GCSE Certificate Evening

Friday 28th November:

Afrori Book Fair

Friday 5th December:

First Enrichment Day and

school photo for Year 11

DATE CHANGE! Wednesday 17th December:

Flu vaccination for Years 7—11

Key Events this week

Thursday 27th November:

GCSE Certificate Evening

Friday 28th November:

Afrori Book Fair

Sports Fixtures

Year 7 boys football: Monday 24th
November at PACA

Theme of the week: Education (Rights and Responsibilities)



Attendance

"Whole school attendance on Monday exceeded our school target of 96%. Attendance that day was 96.7% - well done everyone!!"

Student of the Week

Year 7	Sophia A - For excellent participation and wise moments in French lesson, continue
	like this Sophia.

Year 8	Benjamin S - For excellent work in Spanish.
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Year 9

Year 10 Rudi L - For being kind and polite every day.

Year 11 Emilia H - For great effort and hard-work during her mock exams – thanks!

Year 12 Beatriz - For her valued contributions to tutor time discussions and work ethic. Nominated by Mr Leach.

Winter Showcase—Cancelled

We are sorry to inform you that, due to unforeseen staff circumstances, the Winter Showcase scheduled for **Wednesday**, **26th November** will not be going ahead.

We understand how disappointing this news may be for our students, families, and staff who were looking forward to the event and we truly appreciate your understanding and support with this decision.

Robert S is our Historian of the fortnight! 11th - 25th November

A huge congratulations to Robert, our well-deserved Historian of the Fortnight!

Robert has consistently shown what it truly means to lead, not just through knowledge, but through attitude and action. Whether he's guiding class discussions, reading aloud with confidence, or challenging and debating ideas thoughtfully, Robert sets a brilliant example.

Robert is always engaged, offering excellent answers, great reflection of causation and interpretation debates. His growing historical knowledge shines through in both his verbal contributions and written work, a clear sign of his dedication and curiosity. Robert recently shone on our History trip to Berlin, offering inciteful answers and engaging with our guides with great attention and focus, exuding King's values.

He has shown 11A exactly what it takes to rule over their historical kingdom and we couldn't be more impressed.



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.



Change of date for Yr 7-11 Flu vaccination

The Flu vaccination (nasal spray) will now take place in school on Wednesday 17th December.

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 have already completed the online form to either give or refuse consent, you do not need to do anything further.

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 **Monday 15th December**, in order for a student to be included in the vaccination session at school on Wednesday 17th December.

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

Year 7 Netball Success!

Our Year 7 Netball team has started the season with two fantastic victories this week. They secured a 9–4 win against Cardinal Newman and followed it up with an impressive 14–2 win over Blatchington Mill.

Every player gave their best and was a real asset to the team. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with each quarter. Well done to everyone involved—keep up the great work!





Berlin trip by Robert S

Recently, I was lucky enough to go on the Berlin history trip with the school. The trip struck a good balance between education and fun. We were there from the 24th to the 27th October, the itinerary including such locations as The Reichstag, The Olympic Stadium, Checkpoint Charlie, The Frederickstrasse and the Brandenburg Gate. We experienced both the culture and History during our visit, as in between visiting the various landmarks and historical sites of interest we were given numerous opportunities to explore the local area and sample the German cuisine.

Visits to sites such as the Sachsenhausen, Wannsee conference house and the Berlin Wall memorial gave an insight into the city's history. Both the teachers and Students that came on the trip showed engagement and enthusiasm as students of History. The teachers who led the groups sharing with us their knowledge whilst also maintaining a sense of humour and bonding with students. It would be remiss of me to go on without mention of our excellent tour guides, who showed us around each museum and historical site with

enthusiasm and providing engaging teaching while answering each of our questions with skilful insight. They seemed to know at least one interesting fact about every building we walked past. Mikhail especially (our tour guide for the walking tour of Berlin) provided a gold standard of a historical tour guide, keeping everyone engaged and energised despite the wet weather.

This enlightening trip gave us an opportunity to not only take in the vibrant mix of architectural styles of the city but also explore the city's various shop districts such as the PotsdamerPlatz and the Kurfürstendamm. In all, the Berlin trip gave me new experiences and gave me invaluable knowledge for History. It was a truly unique experience to spend time in a foreign country with my schoolmates. I'm eager to one day visit Berlin again.



Design a Bauble competition!

The office is looking far from festive and needs brightening up, so we are launching the 'Design a bauble competition' again this year!

You can use any medium on the bauble so time to get creative. The winning categories are:

Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Most Brighton, Most Colourful, Most King's

A small prize will be awarded for each category. All entries need to be in the office before Thursday 11th December and we will announce the winners in the last week of term.





The Wellbeing Hub



Creating an environment that nurtures mental health and wellbeing is a top priority at our school.

We are delighted to provide you with free access to this interactive online portal, designed by experts.





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