



Headteacher's Update

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th December:

**First Enrichment Day and
school photo for Year 11**

Monday 8th December:

Students Carol Service

Wednesday 10th December at 6:00—7:00:

Community Carol Service at St Leonards Church

Thursday 11th December:

**Design a bauble entries to be handed in to the
office**

Wednesday 17th December:

**Flu vaccination for Years 7—11 and
Non uniform day and Christmas lunch**

Thursday 18th December:

Final day of term

Key Events this week

Friday 5th December:

**First Enrichment Day and
school photo for Year 11**

**Theme of the week:
Healthcare (Rights and
Responsibilities)**



Student of the Week

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| Year 7 | Emilis B - For "Full marks on a science test with lots of challenging and unfamiliar questions. Excellent effort and brilliant science questions throughout the term so far. Super impressed - well done :)" |
| Year 8 | |
| Year 9 | Elyas L |
| Year 10 | Anouska TW - For continuously working hard in History. She is an excellent student who always tries her very best and works well with others. |
| Year 11 | Theo W - For great effort in History. |
| Year 12 | Halima - For her positive work ethos and all that she brings to the sixth form. |

Friday 5th December—Enrichment Day

Next Friday 5th December is our first enrichment day of the year. The school day starts at 8:30 and ends at the slightly earlier time of 14:30. Students should be in full school uniform unless they have been told differently in a trip letter.

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.

Ava LT is our historian of the fortnight!

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Ava is our Historian of the Fortnight! Ava receives this award for all the hard work she put into her studies for Crime and Punishment exam. This is not new as Ava has continuously worked tirelessly to develop her analytical skills and knowledge. Ava is quietly tireless in her aim to achieve the best possible grades and will reflect on feedback with care. Her revision homework has been outstanding and used to model to lower years as what to strive towards. She is well respected in her class, and her peers join me in celebrating her coronation.

A massively well-deserved well done Queen Ava!



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.



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.

Christmas Lunch and Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 17th December will be a non-uniform day in school. Students will be able to wear their own clothes on this date in return for a donation to charity. Christmas jumpers are encouraged! Clothing should be appropriate for the weather, and for school. No open-toed shoes, cropped tops, offensive images or text. Students who are inappropriately dressed will be sent home to change. Details of how to make donations will be forthcoming in an email to all parents/carers in due course. We do understand that some students find non-uniform days stressful and for this reason we strictly limit the number of non-uniform days to two per year; one in December for Christmas, and King's Day in the summer.

Final Day of Term

Our final day of term is Thursday 18th December. All students should arrive in school for 8:30am as normal, in usual school uniform. They will have several lessons, a tutor time, and an extended break time, during which there will be a brunch service in the canteen. The day will end with celebration assemblies. Key Stage 3 students will be dismissed at 12:25pm, and Key Stage 4 students at 12:30pm. Bus services will not be altered on this date so students should plan their journeys home in advance. Attendance at school is important on this date, as it is on all school days. We enjoy the opportunity to formally mark the end of term together as a community, and to welcome the start of the festive period.

Netball year 9 victory!

'Congratulations to the year 9 netball team on their fantastic victory against Dorothy Stringer this week with a final score of 21-4! Your teamwork, determination, and skill were clear from the start, and you should all be incredibly proud of the way you represented King's. Our brilliant players of the match were Nathania G (GD) and Eleanor C (WD). Well done on an outstanding performance girls!'



Review of The Woman in Black

On the 21st November, over 30 year 9 students enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal to see the play *The Woman in Black*. The students have been enjoying the novel during tutor time, so this was a great way to support the students understanding of the novel, as well as bring the story to life. The play was a great success, with several tense moments keeping the students on the edge of their seats, and a great way to show students the magic that can happen on stage with only two actors and a very simple set. Thank you year 9 for representing the school well and treating the staff who helped us with respect.

Review from Hazel G:

The creativity was phenomenal- making the entire set out of a couple of different items was imaginative and unlike what I've ever seen before. It was one of the best shows I've ever seen, and the story terrifyingly twisted, with the best scares hiding around every corner. It was something that I could watch over and over without ever tiring. Additionally, the Theatre Royal was undoubtedly the most dramatic, enhancing location imaginable, definitely something I would re-watch

Yr 8/9 kick off campaign to retain the City League Championship

This past week has seen our Yr 8/9 Girls kick off their campaign to retain the City League Championship and I must say, we have an incredibly strong team. The girls were hit with early fixture congestion with two games in two days. Game 1 against PACA saw our King's girls field our strongest team to date only to put PACA away early to go on to a solid 7-1 win. Notable players were Isla W, Gabby R, Bea W, Erin H, Nell M.

Game 2 of the week was last night away to BACA on a dark, gloomy and wet afternoon. With some strong players unavailable, it provided an opportunity to test our depth and again the girls were dominant finishing the game 9-0 winners. Bea W again finished with 5 goals, 2 assists, Gabby R, Nell M, Ella G and Betsy P all each with a goal to their name.

They are going to be very tough to beat this season. With more games to come, very exciting!!

Year 7 Boys Rugby League 7-0 Win v Cardinal Newman

Our year 7 boys played the Sussex round of the National Rugby League competition yesterday. King's had most of the territory in the first half and could only find the one try before half time. King's defended brilliantly and made relentless tackles against the taller Newman players, stopping Newman getting any momentum or tries. King's stepped up the intensity in the second half and began to dominate the game, with Henry, Joe, Manny and Kuba breaking through tackles and finding spaces for tries. King's also grew in their knowledge of rugby league and Lewis in particular marshalled the team brilliantly. King's ran in 6 seconds half tries to finish with a 7-0 victory and a second win over Cardinal Newman this season.

Try scorers: Joe x 2, Manny x 3, Kuba x 2

Year 7 Boys Football

V Varndean 2-1 win

V PACA 3-1 win

PACA write up - King's started well in the game, creating good chances and Vardar was able to score one to take the lead. PACA played good football after this and despite Rex making good saves, PACA equalised with a well taken goal. In the second half King's became more physical and dominated the game, with the introduction of Henry upfront providing a physical presence, leading to him scoring a poachers goal on the back post. King's completed the 3-1 win with a good passing move that was finished by Manny across the goal. 2 wins out of 3 for the year 7 team that has included 20 players in the squad so far.

Visit by a West End performer—Stranger Things: the first shadow

On Monday 24th November Miranda Mufema came in to talk about her experience playing Patty Newby in the West End show, Stranger Things - the first shadow. As an ex student of King's it was wonderfully inspiring to hear about her formative years growing up and working with Thirdspace Theatre, the NYT and performing in many local venues before being cast in the West End by legendary director Stephen Daldry (Billy Elliot, An Inspector Calls). Miranda spoke eloquently and engagingly about her career and the things that inspired her. She also gave practical suggestions about how students could develop their skills and creative abilities, such as joining a drama club at school or locally, doing creative writing and trying to see as much theatre as possible. We wish her well in her studies at York University and her future career.

'After meeting Miranda the idea of performing in the West End myself no longer felt impossible. The advice she gave was helpful.' San, Year 10 student

'The experience was captivating, amazing, fulfilling and inspiring. Miranda is an amazing person.' Benjamin, Year 10

'Miranda gave excellent advice about starting out in theatre and learning lines. It was very enjoyable.' Martha, Year 10

'She was inspirational.' Year 10 student

'Miranda was very enthusiastic and created a really positive environment. She also inspired a lot of people to pursue a career in the creative industries.' Year 10 student



Laser Pens

We have recently had two cases of students bringing powerful laser pens to school. Laser beams are highly concentrated light and if directed into the eye, even for a fraction of a second, they can cause retinal burns or permanent vision loss. Laser pens have always been included on the list of [banned items](#) and so students should never bring them into school.



Hair Colouring

As fashions evolve we often need to remind our students of the rules around hair, make-up, jewellery and [uniform expectations](#). The rules relating to hair have remained unchanged for many years and are as follows: *No hairstyles less than grade 2 in length and no shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes, 'tramlines'. No brightly coloured or two-tone hair. Long hair must be tied back when requested by teachers as a safety precaution. Typically this will include certain lessons in PE, science and technology, otherwise the*

In our [banned items](#) list it states that students are not permitted 'dyed hair other than natural colours'.

Please ensure that your child adheres to these rules. If they arrive at school with brightly coloured or two-tone hair colour it is likely they will be placed in isolation for the school day and asked to rectify the colouring before the next school day.

**Sunday 07 December
6–8:30pm**

All Saints, The Drive, Hove, BN3 3QE

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

**This event is organised
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FANTASTIC FESTIVE FOOD

12 Days of Christmas

- Tues 2nd – Orange Chocolate Brownie £1.60
Weds 3rd – Turkey Ham and Cheese Bagel £2.60
Thurs 4th – White Chocolate Confetti Cookie £1.60
Fri 5th – Cranberry & White Chocolate Muffin £1.60
Mon 8th – Reindeer Shortbread £1.60
Tues 9th – Jumbo Pig in Baguette £3.00
Weds 10th – Stocking Shortbread £1.60
Thurs 11th – Christmas Turkey, Stuffing & Cranberry Baguette £2.75
Fri 12th – Viennese Topped Mince Pie £1.60
Mon 15th – Bacon, Cheese & Cranberry Ciabatta Boat £2.60
Tues 16th – Cranberry & Black Pepper Sausage Roll £2.10
Weds 17th – Christmas Dinner Day £2.85

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The Wing, Brighton Centre
10:00-15:00 | 16+ college entry
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