



Headteacher's Update

No 312 5th December 2025

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th December:

Students Carol Service

Wednesday 10th December at 6:00—7:00:

Community Carol Service at St Leonards Church

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

Monday 8th December:

Students Carol Service

Wednesday 10th December at 6:00—7:00:

Community Carol Service at St Leonards Church

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 9th December:

U12 Boys Rugby League Match at St James Boys School

Wednesday 10th December:

**Year 8 Netball v Varndean School at King's and
U12 Boys Rugby at Dorothy Stringer**

Theme of the week:

Freedom of speech (Rights and Responsibilities)



Attendance

"Congratulations to 7G who had the highest attendance in the school this week at over 98%. Well done 7G!!"

Student of the Week

Year 7	Daniel N - For his performance in the recent Spanish speaking exam and ability to keep calm under pressure.
Year 8	
Year 9	Hope J P - For her excellent work in History.
Year 10	Mabel K - For having the most beautiful History book and work ethic.
Year 11	Mariam E - For great work in Maths – thanks!
Year 13	Ryley N - Year 13 for resilience and determination.

Clubs update

Following our school carol services at Bishop Hannington Church on Monday 8th December, all after school clubs are cancelled for that day except for Climbing Club (a separate email has been sent about this).

All after school clubs will finish at the end of next week and won't take place in the last week of term EXCEPT for Basketball Club for Y7 and Science Club which will take place for a final session on Monday 15th December due to the cancellation of the clubs on 8th December. Lunchtime clubs will run up until the last day of term.

Additionally, Inspire Club with Mrs Coles will not take place on Wednesday 10th December.

On Monday 15th December we will be running an inter-house cross country competition after school on the school field.

For clubs enquiries, please email finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Lucy G is our Historian of the Fortnight!

02.12.2025 – 15.12.2025

This fortnight's *Historian of the Fortnight* goes to Lucy – a truly outstanding historian in every sense of the word.

Lucy is meticulous and consistent in everything she does. Her work is always completed to an exceptionally high standard, and her book and homework are nothing short of stunning. She takes real pride in her work and it shows in every page.

What makes Lucy especially impressive is her attitude. She is driven yet humble, always striving to improve while remaining quietly determined and positive. She is also a well-respected peer, supportive of others and setting a brilliant example in the classroom through both her work ethic and conduct.

Lucy is a joy to teach and a truly wonderful historian who is clearly passionate about the subject and her own progress. Her enthusiasm for History, combined with her dedication, makes her a standout student and a pleasure to have in class.

Well done, Lucy – you thoroughly deserve this recognition!



Change of Date for Yr 7—11 Flu Vaccination

The Flu vaccination (nasal spray) will be taking 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, vaccinations will not be given without parental consent.**

Year 7 BlockBot woodwork project

Congratulations to Mrs Angus' Year 7 DT groups for completing the BlockBot woodwork project. They were encouraged to be as original as they could with their character design and the outcomes have been fantastic.

Alma 7R was nominated for DT Student of the week for her 'Fantastic BlockBot character! Excellent attention to detail and great woodworking skills throughout the project'. Well done!



Staff profile —Stephanie Hencher

Hello, I'm Miss Hencher and I am the new Medical Officer at King's.

I was part of the medical operations team at Gatwick Airport for 6 years and previously worked within Sussex Police under the Exploitation and Stop and Search Team in Local Policing.

I am trained in Paediatric, Trauma and First Aid at work.

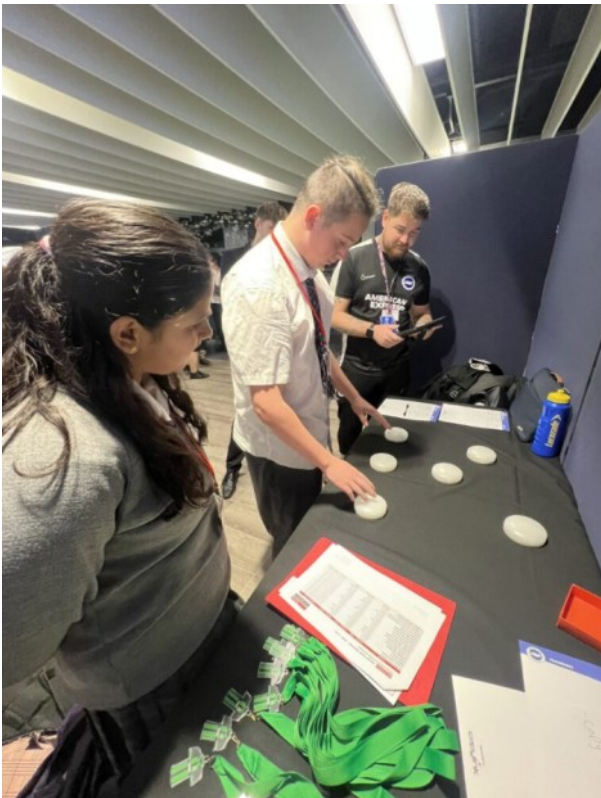
In my spare time I visit family who live abroad, and my toddler keeps me on my toes.

I am excited to expand and develop my role at Kings and look forward to joining such a warm welcoming community.



Year 9 Teen Tech Event

Last week ten students in year 9 participated in a Teen Tech event. Students explored difference careers in STEM as well as coming up with ideas for ways to use technology to make the world a fairer place. Students were particularly commended for their idea for an app to guide young adults on moving out of home and all the challenges that comes with. Many of the students will be developing their ideas further throughout the rest of the year and entering the Teen Tech Awards.



Emilia's help towards the Children's Cancer Research Fund

Congratulations to Emilia: We wanted to say a huge public thank you to Emilia for taking the brave decision to cut off hair so it could be sent to the Children's Cancer Research Fund also known as Friends of Rosie and used to make wigs for children who have lost their hair during cancer treatment. To date, Emilia has raised an incredible £670 for the Children's Cancer Research Fund. We are exceptionally proud of Emilia and she is real inspiration to us all and has truly embodied our school value of Love.



Year 9 Student Predictions

Students in Year 9 were this week making their predictions on their future via balloons which acted as a crystal ball in lessons. Lots of fun was had while students actually wrote an essay in Spanish.

-Qué fabuloso said Nico

-Me gusta mucho la actividad said Alena

-Es excelente said Iqbal

Christmas Tree festival at St Peter's Church—West Blatchington

Our wonderful PTA are showcasing a tree they have decorated at the St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival. They have chosen the theme Ethiopia.

The tree festival information is here:

o Fri 5th Dec: 3:15pm–8pm

o Sat 6th Dec: 10am–4pm

o Sun 7th Dec: closing with a Family Christmas Sing-along at 4pm

If you would like to go and see the tree and show your support, you are more than welcome.

Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of our outreach to our local community during Advent we have historically run a reverse Advent calendar, collecting items for local charities. This year, we are asking for donations for Off The Fence Project Anti-Freeze. In addition, we would also like to support the work of Fresh Start Community Association whose Christmas Cheer Project provides hampers of food and presents to families and individuals facing challenging circumstances in the city. You can find out more about these projects on the Off The Fence website [Antifreeze: Brighton Rough Sleeper Support - Off The Fence — Off The Fence](https://www.offthefence.org.uk/antifreeze) , and the Fresh Start webpage <https://www.freshstartbrighton.org.uk/christmas-cheer.html> .

For our reverse advent calendar this year we would like students to bring in donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items (particularly those that could go in a Christmas Hamper) or a new gift for an individual of any age. We will be collecting items between 8th December and 16th December. Items will be collected in form rooms and gathered together at the end of term to be given to the charities.

We know that some families may be unable to make a contribution. If any student would like to participate but cannot provide an item, they would be welcome to collect an item to donate from Mrs Vincent's office. If you would like to make a financial donation, please do so through ParentPay in your child's account. Financial contributions will be split evenly between these two charities.

In addition to this, we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17th December. This is non uniform day; Christmas jumpers are encouraged but not compulsory. If you would like to make a contribution, (£2.00 is the suggested amount) please donate via ParentPay. Donations will be shared equally between the two aforementioned important causes. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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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