



Headteacher's Update

No 314 9th January 2026

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 15th January:

**Year 11 parents' evening in the
Main Hall**

Friday 16th January:

**PTA Hot chocolate and cookies in the Main hall
for students**

Wednesday 28th January:

Year 9 parents' evening online

Key Events this week

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Sports Fixtures

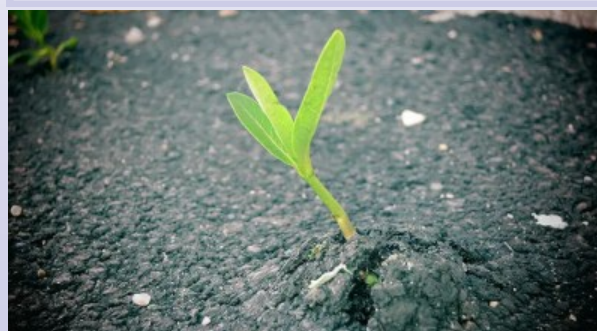
Monday 12th January:

U13 Boys Rugby against Newman at King's

Monday 12th January:

**Year 7 Girls' Football against Varndean at
Varndean**

**Theme of the week:
Resilience**



Welcome back

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had a lovely Christmas break and that 2026 has started well for you. It has been wonderful to welcome the students back to school this week. It is always great to hear about their Christmasses and their new year's resolutions and they all definitely seem to have benefitted from a good rest. There is much to look forward to this term including our whole school production of 'Alice' (for more information on this please read on in this newsletter) and our bi-annual ski trip which is running over the February half term break. The Easter term is always a busy and important one in classrooms too as Year 11 and Year 13 students prepare for second mock examinations and complete course content ahead of summer exams. I look forward to meeting many of you at various evening events this term. A reminder that you can always contact me via head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk. I do strive to be approachable and responsive to parents/carers.

With my best wishes for a healthy, happy and successful 2026,

Mrs Price

Headteacher

Thank you

Thank you to all who donated to Off The Fence Project Anti-Freeze and Fresh Start's Christmas Cheer project.

Your donations and generosity meant a lot and you helped to make a difference in people's lives at a time when it was most needed.

For Christmas Jumper Day we collected £624.00 and for Reverse Advent calendar we collected £616.00. Total £1240.00. This will be split between Fresh Start and Off The Fence.
Odd Socks Day raised £79.00.
Macmillan Cake Sale and Raffle raised £629.00.

Total for all donations £1,948.00.



Attendance

"Well done Yr7 on a very strong start to the new term - they achieved an incredible 98.9% attendance on Thursday!"

Historian of the fortnight!

Congratulations to our **Historian of the Fortnight!** Elena C has continuously demonstrated remarkable focus and discipline, bringing a mature and thoughtful approach to every lesson. Your consistent effort in completing detailed homework and catching up on any missed work has been impressive. Elena continues to set a high standard for engagement in lessons. Keep up the hard work Elena!

GCSE options—Sussex Learning Network

Get careers confident through the Sussex Learning Network who are excited to share that they are holding another LIVE Q&A with their qualified careers advisors on **Wednesday 28th January 6-7pm**. This time on the topic of **GCSEs Options**.

If you, or someone you are supporting, is about to choose their GCSEs, join them [online](#) for a supportive, informal but informative **text chat**. There will be GCSE specific videos and materials highlighted, and you can ask your individual questions to the careers advisors who will be online between 6 -7pm.

To register your interest and receive reminders, please [click here](#).

WHAT NEXT GCSEs?

FREE ONLINE EVENT

Thinking about GCSEs?

If you're in Year 8 or Year 9 - or a parent or carer helping someone decide their next steps - this online event is for you!

Join Get Career Confident's qualified advisors for a friendly, informative session all about choosing GCSEs.

You'll get support thinking through:

- How to choose the right courses for you
- How GCSE choices connect to your future plans
- Where to get extra support in the decision making process
- When and how to apply
- Plus - access videos and guides to help you

This event is free and open to everyone, but it will be especially useful for those about to make their GCSE options.

JANUARY 28 6-7PM

Join us online on the day [Click here](#)

Want a reminder? [Click here](#)

Get Career Confident

Get Career Confident materials that were originally developed for What Next Sussex, funded by Sussex Learning Network. Social Sciences Partnership Skills and Basic Sciences Partnership Skills.

KS3 Drama keywords Spring Term

This term we will focus on the following key terms and vocabulary in Drama. It would be wonderful if you could discuss these with your child at home and ask them to use them when describing what they have been doing!

Year 7

mood	physical theatre
atmosphere	tension
movement	ensemble

Year 8

melodrama/melodramatic	hero
exaggeration	sidekick
stock characters	sound effects (sfx)
Villain	stereotype

Year 9

puppet	animation
puppeteer	backdrop
puppetry	flies
breath	trucks
choreography	revolve
narration	

Alice February 2026

This year we are performing a version of Alice in Wonderland simply entitled **Alice** by Laura Wade. It takes a modern twist on the original story and deals with themes such as grief, bereavement, family relationships and hope for the future. A big cast of actors and musicians will perform in the school hall at **7pm on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February**. Please note the ski trip will leave on the Thursday, so please don't double book yourself !

Our productions are always wonderful opportunities for our young people to showcase their talents and we would love it if you were able to join us.

Tickets will go on sale for cast and crew members on Monday 12th January and the rest of the school community on Monday 19th January. They will be £7 each and available via ParentPay.



Help for Harry

Thank you to all of you who have donated funds to Harry's Village, the charity that is supporting one of our Year 11 students, Harry, who needs support in his rehabilitation from a spinal injury. The Student Council at one of our fellow Russell Education Trust schools, St Andrew the Apostle School in North London, had heard of the support Harry needed and wanted to donate some of the money collected from a recent charity football match that it had arranged.

Students and staff at St Andrew the Apostle were able to donate £535.00 towards helping Harry – please see the photo below of Mrs Price, the Headteacher at King's School, gratefully accepting the funds on behalf of the charity that supports Harry from Mr Easton, who has worked at both King's and St Andrew the Apostle School.

If you would like to donate money to support Harry, you can do so via this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harryclapham>



Changes to child fares from 1st January 2026

From 1st January 2026, child fares will be available up until 31 August following a young person's 18th birthday. This means child fares will continue to support those in further education and through the summer holidays.

To pay a child fare, young people aged 14–18 may need to prove their age if they aren't in school uniform. To avoid the risk of being charged an adult fare, we recommend getting verified in advance.

Verification is quick and easy:

- Use the in-app child verification, or
- Get a Child BusID card, available from our travel shop on North Street, Brighton, or from the depot at 43 Conway Street, Hove.

Accepted ID for children aged 14-18 when buying child tickets on the bus:

- In-app child verification
- Child Key BusID
- UK passport
- UK driving licence
- Sussex 3-iD card

For further information please contact us by phone on 01273 886200 or by email at info@buses.co.uk



Hot Chocolate and Cookies



All profits go towards Kings PTA fund

PTA 2nd hand uniform sale Friday 16th January 2:30-3:30, school hall

Blazers £5

PE tops (short sleeved) £3

PE tops(long sleeved) £5

PE shorts/skorts £3

PE socks £1

Jumpers/cardigans £3

Skirts £4

Cash or card



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YEAR 7-10

The Team →

**MONDAY
LUNCH BREAK
12.40-1.15**

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