



# Headteacher's Update

No 315 16th January 2026

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 16th January:**

PTA Hot chocolate and cookies in the Main hall for students and second hand uniform sale for students and parents

**Wednesday 28th January:**

Year 9 parents' evening held online

**Thursday 29th January:**

Winter Showcase

## Key Events this week

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## Sports Fixtures

**Monday 19th January:**

Year 7 Girls Football at Patcham

**Tuesday 20th January:**

Sussex schools cross country yr 8—11 at Waterhall

**Wednesday 21st January:**

Year 9 Netball at Hove Park

## Theme of the week: How can we develop resilience?



## Attendance

"Year 7 have continued with their strong start to the Spring term - their attendance for the whole week exceeded the school target of 96%! Well done Year 7!

## Student of the Week

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| <b>Year 7</b>  | Chris D - For showing resilience in trying different methods to execute his design so it looked like his drawing but also would not be fragile. |
| <b>Year 8</b>  | Maia S - For excellent work in History and for being a great role model to her peers.   |
| <b>Year 9</b>  | Mira SG   |
| <b>Year 10</b> | Martha C - For fantastic work in History.   |
| <b>Year 11</b> | Leni R in 11E - For diligence and effort in English at the start of the new year!   |
| <b>Year 12</b> |   |

## Winter Showcase!

We now have the date of Thursday 29th January for our re-scheduled Winter Showcase and do hope you can join us.

Students from all year groups will be braving the stage with solo and ensemble pieces as will our Chamber Choir, Stage Band and Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets will be on sale via ParentPay at the price of £5 each, these will be available first to the parents of performers and then to all families. We hope to see you on the 29th!

## Brighton and Hove Cross Country

The Brighton & Hove Cross Country tournament took place last week with students from year 7 up to 11 taking part. All students who took part deserve huge credit for taking part and completing the course around a very wet Waterhall! There were some outstanding individual performances from Gabby & Anna (3rd), Luke (5th), Ella (7th), Maddie (8th), Stella (9th) & Alexandra & Manny (11th). This meant that our Year 8&9 girls team won the B&H XC event for the second year in a row! Other year groups also did really well with a special shout out to our year 11 girls team who have taken part in this cross country race for the last 5 years!

Year 7 Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 7 Girls - 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 8&9 Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 11 Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Historian of the fortnight Darcey H - 06.01.2026-19.01.2026!

Darcey has demonstrated exceptional dedication and progress in History since the start of the year. Her approach to learning is exemplary: she consistently completes homework on time, actively seeks feedback to refine her understanding, and shows a genuine commitment to improvement.

In class, Darcey contributes thoughtfully to debate and discussion, bringing a quietly confident presence that enriches the learning environment. She is never afraid to challenge ideas and “battle it out” when exploring historical interpretations, showing both resilience and intellectual curiosity. Her determination and hard work have led to superb progress, and she continues to set a high standard for her peers. Very well done, Darcey, a truly deserving recipient of Historian of the Fortnight!



## Historian of the fortnight - Josiah W 06.01.2026-19.02.2026!

Josiah has made an exceptional start to the year in History, demonstrating both academic strength and a remarkable attitude towards learning. His approach is consistently proactive: homework is completed to a high standard and on time, and he actively seeks opportunities to refine his understanding through feedback. This commitment reflects a genuine desire to improve and excel. In lessons, Josiah is an invaluable contributor. His comments are thoughtful and well-informed, and he brings a confident yet respectful presence to discussions. He is never afraid to challenge interpretations or engage in rigorous debate, showing resilience and intellectual curiosity when exploring complex historical perspectives.

This willingness to “test ideas” and think critically enriches the classroom experience for everyone. Josiah’s determination and hard work have already led to impressive progress, and he continues to set a benchmark for his peers through both effort and insight. Congratulations, Josiah, a thoroughly deserving recipient of Historian of the Fortnight!



## Historian of the fortnight Isabelle J - 08.01.2026-21.01.2026!

Isabelle has shown remarkable perseverance and growth in History this year. Initially finding it difficult to ask for help or accept praise, she has worked hard to overcome these challenges and is now achieving consistent grades in line with her target. Isabelle's determination is clear—she is often her own toughest critic, a sign of how much she cares about her progress. Throughout her tests, she has demonstrated strong knowledge and is beginning to master the key skills needed for success. Her willingness to attend intervention sessions highlights her commitment and desire to do well, and she collaborates effectively with others in class. Isabelle's journey this year reflects resilience, responsibility, and a genuine passion for learning. Very well done!



## Historian of the fortnight Bronte!

We are thrilled to announce that Bronte has been awarded Historian of the Fortnight in 11B.

Bronte has been awarded Historian of the fortnight due to the hard work she has put in for both her mocks. Bronte, your diligence and dedication to your learning is exceptional and your contributions to class discussions are always insightful and valued. You have worked hard at pushing your explanations to the next level and you bring a healthy element of competition to class discussions. And of course, Bingo! Bronte continues to set a high standard for engagement and critical thinking, and we are lucky to have her in 11B.

A huge well done, Bronte!



## 'Is having a mobile phone worth it?' - Smart phone assemblies

Some of our wonderful Year 10 Prefects visited St Andrews Primary School just before the Christmas break. Secondary schools in the city have been delivering smart phone awareness assemblies to their local feeder primary schools. King's have visited Aldrington, St Andrews, West Blatchington & Hangleton Primary Schools over the past academic year. During this visit, Milo, Ben, Coco & Sheryl spoke to the St Andrews KS2 students, about the different reasons why young people may want mobile phones and the risks associated with this. Our Year 10s gave different first hand experiences and case studies, explaining the positive outcomes for young people when smart phone use is limited and the gains this can bring. King's will continue to work alongside our local feeder schools and continue to share the important messages around smart phones.



## Year 9 Options

A reminder that the information from the Year 9 Options Evening, as well as the options booklet, is available on the school website - [King's School](#). The options form will be sent to students and parents after Parents' Evening. The next steps in the process are as follows:

28<sup>th</sup> January - Options Assembly for Year 9 students

28<sup>th</sup> January - Year 9 Parents' Evening (online)

29th January - 13<sup>th</sup> February - Options form to be completed

After February half term all students will have a meeting with a member of the leadership team. The purpose of these meetings is to give students the opportunity to talk through their decisions.

## Work Experience

Year 10 will complete two days of work experience over Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Year 12 students will complete a week work experience placement during the week of the 6<sup>th</sup> July. Work experience provides students with valuable insights into potential careers, helping them make informed decisions about their future. It can confirm a student's career aspirations or help them realise a particular field is not the right fit.

Parents/carers are asked to use either their professional or personal networks to arrange suitable work experience placements for their children.

Please read carefully through the work experience booklet accessible via the following link as this will explain everything about the process and help to answer questions you may have: [King's Work Experience Handbook.pdf](#)

We use the Unifrog platform ([www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)) to manage the administration of the work experience programme, including collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety Policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead. Students can log into Unifrog via the Microsoft button using their school email and password.

Students need to ensure they have confirmed their placement on Unifrog using the Placements tool by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If your child is unable to arrange a work experience placement, please notify us via [careers@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:careers@kingsschoolhove.org.uk) we will explore other options with them in April.

If you are able to host any of our students we would love to hear from you. Please email into [careers@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:careers@kingsschoolhove.org.uk)



## Careers Interviews

Year 10 career interviews started this week. Year 12 will start after Easter. All students will meet individually with a fully qualified external careers advisor on the school site for a 30-minute session. After their session the notes from their meeting will be added to their Unifrog account and you will be able to review these with them. Students will be given a slip on the morning of their interview so they will know what time the appointment is and where they should go for the appointment. The cost of the careers interview is met by the school.

If you have any questions please do contact the careers team here at King's School via [careers@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:careers@kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

## Year 7 South East Final—Rugby League

Our Year 7s travelled up to Chiswick RFC for their rugby league SE final against John Fisher School from Croydon. The first half was an even affair, with John Fisher taking the lead with a couple of well taken tries.

King's grew into the game and wrestled back momentum, with lots of strong tackles stopping their key runners, our runners of Henry, Joe and Manny breaking through the defensive line and gaining ground. King's scored before half time through Joe breaking a couple of tackles and finding a clear route to the try line. Henry scored the conversion to make it 8-6 at half time. In the second half the momentum changed into John Fisher's favour, with their two strong runners finding joy round the outside of the King's defence, scoring several tries. King's defended their try line brilliantly and made lots of successful tackles, preventing further tries from John Fisher. King's kept going until the end and showed a fantastic spirit against a strong opposition.

The score ended up 30-6 but this was a brilliant performance by the whole, with lots of the team only starting rugby this year. This is the furthest a King's rugby team has gone and they should be proud of their performance.



King's School Hove presents Alice! 7:00pm start time, tickets £7.

King's School Hove presents...

# ALICE



By Laura Wade

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Wednesday 11th February,  
Thursday 12th February

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GROUP AUDITIONS

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 4:30-6PM  
**HOVE PARK SCHOOL (NEVILL SITE), DRAMA STUDIO**

WE WELCOME THOSE FROM BOTH MINORITISED GROUPS AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

SUCCESSFUL AUDITIONEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO JOIN THE HOVE PARK MONDAY GROUP  
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- ⌚ Officially measured 1-mile course
- 🏅 Receive a medal, Race T-shirt and Goody Bag
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