



Headteacher's Update

No 316 23rd January 2026

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28th January:

Year 9 parents' evening held online

Thursday 29th January:

Winter Showcase

10th, 11th, 12th February:

Whole school production of 'Alice', 7pm start time each evening

16th-20th February:

HALF TERM (Ski Trip running)

Key Events this week

Wednesday 28th January:

Year 9 parents' evening held online, 4:30 -7:30pm

Thursday 29th January:

Winter Showcase, 6:30pm start in Main Hall

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 27th January:

Year 7 Girls' Netball against Varndean at King's

Theme of the week: Resilience in our work



Attendance

"The following Tutor Groups have had one or more days of 100% attendance this week - 7B, 7C, 7E, 8B, 8E, 10P, 11C and 11G. Well done!!"

Student of the Week

Year 7	Eloise C - 7B: This student is consistently responsible, thoughtful, and a keen learner - she tries her hardest every lesson and is a great example to others.
Year 8	
Year 9	Evie D - For her fantastic work in History.
Year 10	Sheryl S - For excellent work in History.
Year 11	Rosa D - for her great energy and work in Music.
Year 12	
Year 13	Pheobe K - Yr 13 - For demonstrating resilience in the sixth form.

Winter Showcase!

We do hope you can join us for this year's re-scheduled Winter Showcase, taking place on Thursday 29th January at 6.30pm in the main school hall.

The evening will feature a wide variety of solo and ensemble performances from students across all year groups, showcasing both vocal and instrumental music and covering a broad range of musical genres.

Tickets are available to purchase via ParentPay:

- Available now for parents of performers
- On sale to everyone else from Monday 26th January

Tickets are priced at the bargain cost of £4, with all proceeds going to Harry's Village.

We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a wonderful evening of music.

Chip G Assembly Presentation

On Monday, Chip G delivered a Year 7 assembly on disability awareness through his experience of living with Cerebral Palsy, and we were delighted by the courage and resilience he demonstrated throughout. Presenting to a large audience can be challenging, yet Chip spoke with confidence, used interactive roleplay to engage his year group. He explained his topic with clarity and pride. His willingness to answer questions showed real maturity and determination. A fantastic achievement and a wonderful example to others.

Well done Chip!



Assemblies this week

Mrs Price and Mr Chamberlain ran assemblies for all students in Years 8-11 this week on the themes of misogyny and consent (Year 7 will have their assembly on Monday next week). The assemblies were adapted to ensure they were age appropriate for all year groups. They covered an explanation of what we mean by consent, and why this is so important in healthy relationships. For older students they also covered an explanation of what is meant by the term 'misogyny' and an explanation of where students might encounter misogyny online and in society today. As a school we are very clear with students that misogyny, sexism, and all forms of sexual harassment (including online harassment) are not tolerated at King's. If you would like to pick up the conversation on consent and misogyny with your children you might find the following resources helpful:

Consent: [Talk to teenagers about healthy relationships and consent](#)

Misogyny: [What is misogyny? Guidance for parents and carers | Internet Matters](#)

Duke of Edinburgh Congratulations!

A massive congratulations to students in Year 10 and 11 who have been working hard to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards.

It was great to see so many of them receive their awards in our end of term celebration assemblies. We look forward to many more students completing the award this term before the end of spring term awards. If your child needs any help they should come to computer science 1 on a Thursday after school.

Congratulations,

Mr Walker



Film Music Workshop Inspires Our Music Students

This week, as part of a collaborative education project with Create Music and the Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra, a group of our GCSE and Sixth Form Music students attended an inspiring film music workshop led by renowned composer and film music expert Neil Brand.

During the session, Neil introduced students to the process of composing for film, exploring how sound is created and used to enhance visual storytelling. He demonstrated this by improvising live piano accompaniments to silent films, incorporating suggestions and musical ideas offered by the students themselves. Seeing these ideas transformed instantly into a film score was a fascinating and memorable experience for everyone involved.

Neil also spoke openly about careers and pathways into the music industry, sharing how he has built a successful career without following a traditional route. This proved especially encouraging for students considering a future in music or the creative industries.

Following the workshop, students have been offered complimentary tickets to attend a concert on Saturday 24th, where they will hear the Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra perform a selection of film music, including works discussed during the workshop.

Careers Diversity in Trades event

This week King's School was delighted to host a Careers Diversity in Trades event for our Year 10 and Year 11 students, delivered in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC). The event brought together an inspiring range of apprentices, to shine a light on the many high-quality career pathways available within the trades sector.

The purpose of the morning was simple: to broaden students' horizons and challenge outdated stereotypes about who can—or should—pursue a trade. From carpentry to plumbing and electrical engineering, students had the opportunity to explore diverse roles that combine practical skill, innovation, and long-term career stability.

'I had a really fun morning getting to understand all of the jobs each person did. I especially loved the plumbing task, as I was the fastest with 53 seconds! I also enjoyed taking parts of a door apart and learning more about the electrical parts. It was a good experience as we were able to participate in activities. Also a massive thanks to Mrs Coles for giving us the opportunity and making it happen!'

Tearna - Yr 11



Interschools rock climbing event

Big congratulations to Rafferty H, Samuel V and Jonah M who won the interschools rock climbing final. There were over 20 schools competing and 6 schools in the final. The final was very close, with the boys winning by just half a point in the end.



Championing Apprenticeships—Webinar Registration - Zoom

What to Expect:

- **Hear from our current apprentices** as they share their personal journeys and experiences.
- **Discover the exciting projects they've worked on** and how these have equipped them with invaluable #SkillsforLife.
- **Celebrate their achievements** and gain insight into the impact of our apprenticeship programme.
- **Learn more about our programme** and how it's designed to help apprentices thrive.



National Apprenticeship week 2026

[NavigATE: National Apprenticeship Week parent and carer webinar: understanding apprenticeships - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Parent & Carer 'Understanding Apprenticeships' webinar

Join us during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 on the 9th February at 6.30pm for this special parent and carer webinar 'Understanding Apprenticeships'.

Apprenticeships offer exciting and practical routes into rewarding careers. This early evening session is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore these options.

REGISTER NOW

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

King's School Hove presents...

ALICE

By Laura Wade

With
permission of
Concord
Theatricals

Tuesday 10th February,
Wednesday 11th
February, Thursday
12th February
At 7pm in the hall.

Tickets £7, available via ParentPay



This amateur production of "Alice" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Let's talk about kids and smartphones

Come along to an open, non-judgemental conversation about the impacts of smartphones on childhood

When

Thursday 29th
January 2026
18:30-20:30
Doors open 18:00
for a prompt start.

Where

Brighton Aldridge
Community Academy,
Lewes Road,
Brighton,
BN2 4PN



Reserve your seat by scanning the QR code or visiting luma.com/vsegegm.
Tickets are free but spaces are limited.

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement bringing families together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.

Our guest speakers include:



Mandy Marshall-Taylor - Panel Host

As a Naked Truth Project associate Mandy works to educate and raise awareness of the harmful effects of pornography on children and young people.



Dr. Eleanor Mason

A West Sussex GP for 12 years, Eleanor brings unique insights into the impact of smartphones on children's mental health.



DCI Luke Kyriakides-Yeldham & DI Cyntac Beling

As senior members of the Online Child Abuse Team, they will discuss the dangers of indecent image sharing, sexting, sextortion and online grooming.



Drew Dower- Head of School

Drew has led the way on becoming one of the first Smartphone free primary schools in the city. He will talk to us about the process and the response to the school's new policy.



Jack Davies-Principal

BACA Principal Jack Davies will be joined by year 11 students who will share their experiences of smartphones and the online world.

WEBSITE: WWW.SFCBRIGHTON.CO.UK

SOCIALS: @SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD

Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

**at Preston Park
and Hove Park**



**Monday 16 – Wednesday 18
February**

1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 15

All children must have attended a Level 2 course and allow 3 months practice between levels.

All trainees will be assessed on Level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £52 per person.

To book your place visit:

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**



Holiday cycle training courses



Cycle training is held at Hove and Preston Park during the February half term.

Level 1 & 2 – Ages 9 to 15 Cost £47 per person, concessions available



Monday 16 - Thursday 19 February

10.00 – 12.30 each day

Children must have completed all level 1 activities before progressing to Level 2.

Level 3 – Ages 11 to 15 Cost £52 per person, concessions available



Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 February

13.15 – 15.15 each day

Children must have attended Level 2 activities before progressing to Level 3.

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF

**Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!**

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026