



Headteacher's Update

No 319 13th February 2026

Dates for your Diary

16th—20th February:
HALF TERM (Ski Trip running)

Monday 23rd February:
SEND Parent/Carer forum 1:30—3:00

Monday 23rd February to Tuesday 3rd March:
Year 11 and 13 Mock exams

Thursday 26th February:
Year 7 Parents' Evening (on site), 4:30-7:30pm

Thursday 12th March:
Young Musician of the Year 2026 at 6:30—8:00pm

Monday 23rd March:
Year 9 Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and
Meningitis ACWY vaccinations

Friday 17th April:
Harry's Village Fashion and Fizz fundraising
evening, 6-10pm at The Engineerium, Hove

Thursday 11th June:
Year 10 Parents' Evening (on site)

Thursday 2nd July:
Year 6 Parents' Welcome Evening (on site)

Key Events this week

16th—20th February:
HALF TERM (Ski Trip running)

Sports Fixtures

Monday 23rd February:
U12 Boys' Rugby at Brighton College

Tuesday 24th February:
Year7 &8 Sussex Schools' Cross Country at
Christ's Hospital

Theme of the week:
Resilience for Life



Attendance

"A huge well done to 7G who had the highest attendance of any Tutor Group this half term. They exceeded our school target with an incredible 97% attendance! Congratulations 7G"

Student of the Week

Year 7	Chloe D - Learnt 10 Commandments Rhyme in RP!
Year 8	Bruce P - For excellent work and effort in History.
Year 9	Elyana K - For her fantastic work in Science.
Year 10	Lily K - For demonstrating resilience.
Year 11	Roxy B - For great focus in Food Tech!

Young Musician of the Year 2026—Thursday 12th March at 6:30— 8:00pm

On Thursday 12th March we shall be hosting our third King's School Young Musician Of The Year competition. This competition is open to all students with prizes given as follows:

KS3 - First Prize

KS3 - Second Prize

KS3 - Highly commended

KS4 - First Prize

KS4 - Second Prize

KS4 - Highly commended

Each participant will perform a solo piece of no longer than three minutes on their chosen instrument — vocal performances are also welcome. Students may use a backing track or request piano accompaniment if needed. Performances will take place in front of an audience of parents and friends, as well as a panel of two judges, including a former King's musician. If you would like to take part, please sign up on the sheet posted on the door of MU2.

This is always a wonderful event and a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the many gifted and talented musicians we have here at King's. Our judges always find it incredibly difficult to choose a winner! This is a non-ticketed event and free of charge. We hope to see you there!

Winter Music Showcase January 2026

A massive well done to all of our fantastic students that performed in the Winter Music Showcase, you did us proud! It was a wonderful night with performances from soloists and ensembles from all year groups as well as performances from the Chamber Choir and Stage Band. It is always exciting to see new students performing for the first time and to see the love and support they are shown from our older, more experienced musicians. Well done King's!

Our Summer Showcase will be on Thursday 25th June - hope to see you there!



Exam Weeks

By way of advance notice here are the dates for forthcoming exam weeks this academic year (for students sitting internal exams):

Year 7: Week commencing 8th June

Year 8: Week commencing 1st June

Year 9: Week commencing 15th June

Year 10: Week commencing 20th April

Year 12: Week commencing 1st June

Year 10 exams will be sat in the Sports Hall and other exam venues. Exams for other year groups will be sat in classrooms. Please note that most exams will take place during these weeks but some papers may be sat either side of these main designated weeks. Further information on revision resources etc. will be forthcoming.

Autism In Schools—SEND Parent Carer Forum—Monday 23rd February 1:30—3:00pm

Our next parent/carers forum, in conjunction with the Autism in Schools project, will be held in person on Monday 23rd February, between 1.30pm and 3pm. Parents of all students with SEND, or those who are exploring possible needs are welcome to attend.

During the session a member of the BHISS team will give some feedback about the work we have been doing with the Autism in Schools project. There will then be time for discussion with the PaCC team and other parents. PaCC's involvement with running a parent carer forum in school is coming to an end and there will be an opportunity to explore how parents at King's might take the forum forward.

If you would like to join us for this session, please let us know you will be attending via the linked form. <https://forms.office.com/e/FdHCp77uyL>.

Oddballs assembly

Oddballs Assembly: Last Friday Year 11 had an assembly delivered by Porsche Laing from the Oddballs Foundation. The OddBalls Foundation is the UK's leading charity focused on raising awareness of Testicular Cancer, the most common cancer in men aged 15–49. Founded in 2015/2016, it works to increase early detection through educational talks in schools, workplaces, and sports clubs, alongside promoting regular self-checks to save lives. You can find out more about the work of the Oddballs Foundation here: [Raising Awareness of Testicular Cancer – oddballsfoundation](https://www.oddballsfoundation.org/)



Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis vaccination (Teenage Booster vaccination)

Year 9: The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Monday 23rd March to administer the Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations (previously known as the Teenage Booster vaccination) to students in Year 9. Parents and carers of Year 9 students will be receiving an email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for these vaccinations.

Year 10 & 11: Most students will have received these vaccinations in Yr9. However, If your child is in Year 10 or 11 and they have not had these vaccinations and you would like them to have them in school, please contact the office via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk as soon as possible so that the consent form can be sent to you. Please note that we do not hold information regarding previous immunisations. If you are not sure whether your Yr10 or Yr11 child has had this immunisation, you will need to contact the Immunisation Team on: 01273 696011 x3789.

Please note that vaccinations will not be given without parental consent.

Year 11 Mock Exams timetable

The second set of Year 11 mock examinations will start next on Monday 23rd February and run for 7 days until Tuesday 3rd March. All Year 11 students have received their timetables and should (hopefully!) have been revising hard.

Students can get anxious about these exams. It is important for them to see them as a learning experience and to remember that sometimes failing gives more useful information than doing well. If you are concerned about any anxiety relating to these exams please do contact their form tutor or Head of Year.

One of the purposes of these exams is to get students used to being in exam rooms under exam conditions. It is important they get used to the routines that will help them be successful in their actual GCSE exams. One of these routines is making sure they have the correct equipment for each exam. Different exams have different requirements and we don't have enough equipment to lend if many students do not bring the correct equipment. It is particularly important to check when a calculator is required (maths, science, business definitely) and when equipment such as compasses are needed. The best idea is to make sure each student has all of their equipment in their bag and brings it all everyday!

Final things to be aware of:

- You can find a link to the exam timetable on the website under Exams King's School : [King's School](#)
- There will be one or two occasions when exams go through break time. We do make every effort to ensure the canteen remains open for students in these cases. It may be sensible for students to bring their own snacks in case what they normally eat is unavailable.
- Some exams will finish after 3pm. This is marked on the exam timetable as well.
- Students are expected into school at the normal time in normal school uniform. They will register on the MUGA and be brought into their exams for both morning and afternoon exams. Students will normally be in their normal lessons between the morning and afternoon exams. We recommend that every student brings in some revision they can do independently if there is the option in a lesson.

The timetable is on the following pages.

Monday 23 February	Tuesday 24 February	Wednesday 25 February	Thursday 26 February
ENGLISH LANGUAGE P2 2h 05m (+32m)	ENGLISH LANGUAGE P1 1h 45m (+27m)	BIOLOGY 1h 45m (+26m)	ENGLISH LITERATURE 1h 45m (+26m)
8.45 - 10.50 (11.22ET)	8.45-10.30 (10.56ET)	8.45-10.30 (10.56 ET)	8.45-10.30 (10.56 ET)
		COMB.SCI.BIOLOGY 1h 15m (+19m)	
		8.45-10.00 (10.20 ET)	
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
		FRENCH F LISTENING	FRENCH H LISTENING
		11.30-12.15 (12.27 ET)	11.30-12.30 (12.45 ET)
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
MATHS Paper 1 1h 30m(+23m)	COMPUTER SCIENCE B 1h 30 (+23m)	MATHS Paper 2 1h 30m(+23m)	BUSINESS C 1h 45m (+27m)
1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)	1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)	1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)	1.30 - 3.15 (3.41 ET)
	GEOGRAPHY B 1h 30m (+23m)		HISTORY C 1h 30m (+ 23m)
	1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)		1.30 - 3.00(3.23 ET)
	HISTORY B 1h 30m (+ 23m)		MEDIA C 1h 30m (+23m)
	1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)		1.30 to 3.00 (3.23 ET)
	MUSIC 1h 15m(+19m) approximately		PE C 1h 15m (+ 19m)
	1.30 - 2.45 (3.04ET) approx.		1.30 to 2.45 (3.04 ET)
	PE B 1h 15m (+ 19m)		SPANISH C (Writing)
	1.30 to 2.45 (3.04 ET)		1.30 to 2.45 or 2.50 (3.04 or 3.10 ET)
	RP B 1h 20m (+20m)		RP C 1h 20m (+20m)
	1.30 - 2.50 (3.10 ET)		1.30 - 2.50 (3.10 ET)
	MEDIA B 1h 30m (+23m)		
	1.30 to 3.00 (3.23 ET)		

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BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
		FRENCH F LISTENING	FRENCH H LISTENING
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
MATHS Paper 1	OPTION BLOCK B	MATHS Paper 2	OPTION BLOCK C

Friday 27 February		Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March
CHEMISTRY 1h 45m (+26m)		MATHS Paper 3 1h 30m (+23m)	PHYSICS 1h 45m (+26m)
8.45 - 9.45(10.00ET)		8.45 - 10.15 (10.38 ET)	8.45 - 9.45(10.00ET)
COMB.SCI.CHEMISTRY 1h 15m (+19m)			COMB.SCI.PHYSICS 1h 15m (+19m)
8.45-10.00 (10.20 ET)			8.45-10.00 (10.20 ET)
BREAK		BREAK	BREAK
SPANISH F LISTENING		SPANISH H LISTENING	FRENCH/SPANISH READING F=45m, H = 60m
11.30-12.15 (12.27 ET)		11.30-12.30 (12.45 ET)	11.30-12.15/12.30 (12.27/12.45 ET)
LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH
BUSINESS A 1h 45m (+27m)		COMPUTER SCIENCE D 1h 30 (+23m)	
1.30 - 3.15 (3.41 ET)		1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)	
DRAMA 1h 45m (+26m)		DT D 2h (+30m)	
1.30 - 3.15 (3.41 ET)		1.30 - 3.30 (4.00 ET)	
FOOD PREP & NUT A 1h 45m (+ 26m)		FOOD PREP & NUT D 1h 45m (+ 26m)	
1.30 - 3.15 (3.41 ET)		1.30 - 3.15 (3.41 ET)	
GEOGRAPHY A 1h 30m (+23m)		FRENCH D/SPANISH D Writing	
1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)		1.30 to 2.45 (3.04 ET)	
HISTORY A 1h 30m (+ 23m)		GEOGRAPHY D 1h 30m (+23m)	
1.30 - 3.00(3.23 ET)		1.30 - 3.00 (3.23 ET)	
RP A 1h 20m (+20m)		RP D 1h 20m (+20m)	
1.30 - 2.50 (3.10 ET)		1.30 - 2.50 (3.10 ET)	

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CHEMISTRY		MATHS Paper 3	PHYSICS
BREAK		BREAK	BREAK
SPANISH F LISTENING		SPANISH H LISTENING	FRENCH/SPANISH READING
LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH
OPTION BLOCK A		OPTION BLOCK D	

Year 9 Netball team victory!

Congratulations to our Year 9 netball team for their fantastic 21–4 victory over Patcham!

It was an outstanding team performance, with Ella G and Amy W deservedly named Players of the Match. A huge thank you to Erin H for stepping in last minute and bringing the positivity and team spirit, and to Sofia for also playing last minute and working tirelessly in the D shooting alongside Amber P. Libby S' excellent interceptions, Nathania's exceptional defending and Poppy's fantastic shooting were key to securing such a dominant win.

Well done to you all – a brilliant achievement!



Historian of the Fortnight!

We are thrilled to announce that Rachel has been awarded Historian of the Fortnight in 11B History!

Rachel has been awarded Historian of the fortnight due to her diligence and exceptional hard work that Rachel displays consistently in History. Rachel, from your attendance to weekly morning interventions to a faultless homework record, your effort in History has been nothing but impressive. You work tirelessly in lessons with a maintained focus and dedication. Keep up your outstanding hard work!

A huge well done, Rachel!



Unifrog Tutor Take Over!

This week the whole school completed their third Unifrog careers session during Wednesday tutor time.

Unifrog is the careers and destinations platform we use across the school to guide students as they research university courses, apprenticeships, careers, and enrichment opportunities.

The Tutor Takeover ensures that every student, no matter their starting point, receives high-quality guidance during tutor time. Tutors lead structured sessions that walk students through key features on Unifrog, such as completing interest profiles, exploring career options, building CVs, and preparing for post-16 or post-18 decisions.

Students just need to use their school email and password to log in to the website.

www.unifrog.org

Once logged in, they will see their Dashboard. This is where they can:

- Complete personality and interests profiles
- Explore careers and subjects
- Build a CV
- Research apprenticeships and universities
- Start personal statements or applications
- Set goals and track their progress

PE Kit Uniform Loan

After half term, if your child forgets their PE kit, they will need to borrow one from the Finance Office BEFORE 9AM using their phone/bus pass/keys as a deposit. Students who have not borrowed it before 9am and don't have PE kit for their lesson will be issued with a C3 (30 mins after school on a Friday).

If your child has lost their PE kit, please ask them to look in the lost property that is in the corner of the changing rooms or on the rack in the canteen.

The PTA have some kit to sell. Please contact pta@kingsschoolhove.org.uk if you would like to purchase some more.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Work Experience

Year 10 will complete two days of work experience over Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July. Year 12 students will complete a week work experience placement during the week of the 6th 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) 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 23rd March. If your child is unable to arrange a work experience placement, please notify us via 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 also here from you. Please email into: careers@kingsschoolhove.org.uk



Careers education learning journey (11 - 18)

Y13	Create a personal brand (CV and online)	Prepare for interviews	Learn how to manage transitions	Prepare for an employer assessment day	Learn about self-employment	Discuss: the 4-day week
Y12	Prepare for a careers 1:1	Explore pros and cons of Post-18 pathways	Learn how to set career goals	Learn how to network and be enterprising	Learn how to balance life, learning and work	Discuss: what makes a good employer?
Y11	Reflect on your employability skills	Explore pros and cons of post-16 pathways	Learn how to choose a post-16 pathway	Research volunteering and paid work	Compare apprenticeships and HE	Discuss: is AI a threat to our jobs?
Y10	Reflect on your career journey	Explore employer profiles	Learn about different career types	Prepare for work experience	Learn about workplace wellbeing	Discuss: in person, hybrid and remote working
Y9	Reflect on your skills	Explore learning pathways after school	Learn how to choose KS4 options	Find out how to take control of your career journey	Learn how to manage your money	Learn about the labour market (LMI)
Y8	Reflect on your interests	Explore CVs	Learn about the workplace	Find out how to create the life you want	Define what success looks like	Learn about careers and the climate
Y7	Reflect on who you are	Explore dream jobs	Learn what we mean by 'career'	Find out what entrepreneurs do	Learn about work-life balance	Learn about careers and the future
unifrog the universal destinations platform	Grow throughout life Grow throughout life by learning and reflecting on yourself, your background, and your strengths.	Explore possibilities Explore the full range of possibilities open to you and learn about recruitment processes and the culture of different workplaces.	Manage career Manage your career actively, make the most of opportunities and learn from setbacks.	Create opportunities Create opportunities by being proactive and building positive relationships with others.	Balance life and work Balance your life as a worker and/ or entrepreneur with your wellbeing, other interests and your involvement with your family and community.	See the big picture See the big picture by paying attention to how the economy, politics and society connect with your own life and career.

Harry's Village Fashion & Fizz evening Friday 17th April

We are excited to announce that we are running a second 'Fashion & Fizz' evening to raise funds for Harry's Village following our hugely popular and successful event last year. This year's event will take place at the Engineerium in Hove on Friday 17th April. There will also be an auction with some fantastic lots including a stay at a villa in Majorca! Details for the auction will be forthcoming and bids can be in advance online.

Tickets are limited for this event so make sure to book yours early. Details of how to do so are in the flyer below.

Friday 17 April
The Engineerium
The Droveaway, Hove, BN3 7QA
6 – 10.00 pm



Harry's Village

Pre-loved Fashion & Fizz

£10
Ticket

Join us for a fun-filled evening of pre-loved fashion & fizz at the Engineerium to raise money to support much-loved local Hove boy Harry Clapham's recovery from a serious spinal injury.

Bar, raffle, auction and more! Browse through a collection of specially curated pre-loved fashion items, while enjoying a glass of bubbles (included in your £10 ticket price).

Book your ticket on eventbrite now.



Spring
Summer



Harry's Village Fashion & Fizz evening—clothes donation

We are also looking for donations of high quality new or nearly new clothing for the event. To donate, please give your donations to the Finance Office in the week commencing 30th March or use the contact information on the flyer below.

Friday 17 April
The Engineerium
The Droveaway, Hove, BN3 7QA
6 – 10.00 pm



Harry's Village

Pre-loved Fashion & Fizz

Spring/Summer

How can you help support Harry?

Donate a few items of high quality new or nearly new clothes from your wardrobe that you no longer wear.

Please contact Emma 07730 266061 or Honey 07986 518008 if you can help



**Please donate via
JustGiving link**

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Friday 10 July 2026

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SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

9AM - 12PM



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Please complete this survey to **share your views on smartphone policies** in Brighton & Hove schools.

- It only takes 2-3 minutes, is completely anonymous and no personal data will be stored
- All schools in Brighton & Hove will be asked to share this survey with their parents / carers
- The survey will close on 28th Feb 2026
- Please share with friends and families in Brighton & Hove



<https://sfcbrighton.co.uk/survey>



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Does your child struggle to go to school?

Regular drop-in sessions for parents and carers

Hosted by the Family Support team, the sessions are a friendly space to access information and support and meet other parents/carers facing the same challenges.

Online sessions

24 February 7-8.30pm

19 May 7-8.30pm

Face-to-face sessions

Modelo Lounge (145 Church Road, Hove BN3 2AE)

17 March 10-11.30am

Alcampo Lounge (84 London Road, Brighton BN1 4JF)

21 April 10-11.30am

23 June 10-11.30am

To find out more or [book onto the online sessions](#), please email:
schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk or Jo Roeg: jo.roeg@brighton-hove.gov.uk

