

Headteacher's Update, No 321, 6th March 2026

Theme of the week

Employment (Rights and Responsibilities)

Dates for your Diary



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

Friday 20th March: Second Enrichment Day

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

Thursday 26th March: School Disco for Years 7 and 8 in the main hall at 6:30 - 8:00

Friday 17th April: Harry's Village Fashion and Fizz fundraising evening, 6:00 - 10:00pm at The Engineerium, Hove

Monday 20th April: Year 10 Exams begin

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

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

Sports Fixtures



Monday 9th March: Year 7 Girl's Netball at Patcham High School

Attendance

"Fantastic attendance on Tuesday this week when we were very close to our school target of 96%. Impressive attendance that day from all year groups, but a particular well done to Year 7 & 8 who maintained that level for the week!!"

Students of the Week

Year 7: Elodie W in 7B - really hardworking and made incredible improvements in her assessment.

Year 8: Billy S for excellent work in Geography this week.

Year 11: Elina L for great work in Maths and History.

Historian of the Fortnight!

12.02.2026 – 03.03.2026

We are thrilled to crown Elina as our Historian of the Fortnight.

Elina is consistently hardworking, approaching every lesson with determination and focus. She never hesitates to ask for help, and she regularly returns for extra sessions, demonstrating a level of commitment that truly sets her apart. Her homework is outstanding, completed to a superb standard every time, and her work ethic is second to none.

Over this half-term, Elina has grown noticeably in confidence. She is well liked by her peers, a positive presence in the classroom, and someone who always contributes with thought and maturity. She has worked especially hard on her new Germany question structures and has developed her ability to evaluate sources using the SOP method with impressive progress.

Elina is truly deserving of this title and is an absolute pleasure to have in our kingdom. A huge well done to her!



Historian of the Fortnight!

11.02.2026 – 03.03.2026

We are delighted to announce Freddie W as our Historian of the Fortnight.

Since the start of the new year, Freddie has shown exceptional resilience, consistently demonstrating determination and a mature approach to his studies. He attends every morning and after-school extra session, making the very most of every opportunity to improve. This commitment is clearly paying off, as his confidence in Germany 4-mark questions is growing rapidly.

Freddie is also completing additional work outside the classroom, on top of his homework, showing real passion for history and a desire to push himself further. He is always polite, punctual and eager to progress, a role model to those around him.

Freddie is a deserving monarch, and his peers wholeheartedly agree. A huge well done!



Historian of the Fortnight!

We are thrilled to announce that Poppy has been awarded Historian of the Fortnight in 11B History! 🎉 Congratulations to our **Historian of the Fortnight!** Poppy has continuously demonstrated remarkable focus and discipline, bringing a mature and thoughtful approach to every lesson. Your consistent effort in completing meticulous revision for your mocks has truly paid off. Whether she is passionately debating the impact of changing social attitudes or articulating complex historical judgements, Poppy establishes a high standard for commitment and analytical thinking. A huge well done, Poppy!



Southern School Book Awards

On the 27th February, a group of King's students attended the Southern School Book Awards at Hurstpierpoint College. The students have been reading the shortlist since September, and were excited to hear from the authors as well as meet them and get their books signed. Students were very pleased at the winner - *How to Survive a Horror Movie* and can't wait to get stuck into the sequel!



Year 10 Rugby Win!

Another amazing win on Tuesday 3rd March with the Y10 Rugby team against the odds. We had 13 players against their 15, yet we still pushed forward to score 29 – 0. From start to finish we had a winning attitude. The second half certainly more difficult for us but we put the effort in, not conceding a single try!

It's extremely difficult to pick out a top performance but Matanios A certainly stole the show by his strong runs, scoring 3 tries.

Young Speakers Challenge

As part of the Brighton and Hove Young Speakers Challenge, a group of year 8 and year 9 students went to the University of Sussex to take part in an Advocacy Event with the Law School. To prepare students for their final spoken piece, students practised making arguments formally, and worked on voice projection and speaking clearly. The students also had the opportunity to hear from several current students at the university who are part of the Widening Participation team, and enjoyed a delicious lunch from the university's canteen.

Year 8 Netball Tournament

A huge well done to the year 8 netball team who came 5th in their tournament on Tuesday. The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork and stayed positive against tough opponents.

We saw excellent defending from Alison, Ottelie and Lyla who worked tirelessly in the D. A huge thanks to Maggie and Bethany who scored some fantastic goals. Our centre court players demonstrated superb endurance and skill getting the ball up and down the court. Well done girls, an achievement to be proud of!



Swim Gala!

On Wednesday evening our swim team took part in the B&H Swim Gala at Prince Regent with lots of success! It was a fantastic event with some of our swimmers taking part in their first swim competition and everyone enjoyed the experience. There was a great team spirit with different year groups cheering each other on. Below is a summary of the results:

- Overall - King's came 4th out of 11 schools! Considering we didn't enter every age group, this is a fantastic result and the best we have ever done.
- Overall Girls Relay Teams - 3rd!
- Overall Individual Events - 3rd!
- Year 7&8 Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd!
- Year 9&10 Girls Freestyle Relay - 2nd!
- Year 9&10 Mixed IM Relay - 3rd!

Individual Students: Dylan M

- 100m IM - 1st!
- 50m Freestyle - 1st!

Izzy C

- 50m Freestyle - 2nd!
- 100m IM - 3rd!

A big shout out to Izzy who has represented King's in swim galas for the last 5 years of school. She has been committed to taking part in all the different school events and has been a big reason for the previous successes we have had at swim galas!

Photos to follow next week!

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day on the 5th March, a treasure hunt was laid out around the outside areas of the school. To complete the treasure hunt, students had to correctly answer questions about a range of Young Adult Fiction, and, after returning their answer sheet to their English teacher, students were rewarded with a sweet. In the LRC we also had a range of activities set up, including origami bookmark making, book themed bingo, and bunting designing.

Year 8 Netball win!

The Year 8 netball team continued with their outstanding efforts and brilliant performances this week. They played Hove Park on Thursday afternoon, coming away with a 13-0 win. It was fantastic to see some new combinations on court. The team included: Claudia, Lyla, Kendall, Eliza, Alison, Bethany, Ruby-Rose & Pragatti. Well done girls.

Second Enrichment Day - Friday 20th March

Our second enrichment day is fast approaching and will be taking place on Friday 20th March.

Year 7 are swapping activities for the second enrichment day with half the year going to the Science Museum in London ([Home | Science Museum](#)) and the second half staying in school for a Shakespeare themed day with the Globe Players theatre group (theglobeplayers.org).

Year 8 are in school with Frontline Living History (<https://www.frontlinelivinghistory.com>). They will have a workshop led by one of the experts where they will cover the Great War with a focus on medicine. There will be a presentation about weapons, the range of wounds they cause, and how surgeons would deal with them. Additionally, they will take

part in an exploration of the use of gas during the war. They will be making trenches, and will watch a feature film exploring the themes covered during the day.

Year 9 will be taking part in three different enrichment activities. A group are travelling with the history department to Ypres to visit the World War 1 battlefields and war cemeteries ([Ypres battlefield tours and sites to visit in Belgium - CWGC](#)). Another group are visiting the Knepp estate to learn about rewilding and to see the resurgent wildlife that can be found on the estate ([Knepp - Rewilding Pioneers](#)). The third group will be in school. They will be exploring the local area and making decisions about the future use of the local area as they decide between rewilding and redevelopment options.

Year 10 are in school where they are taking part in a culture and diversity day. They will be taking part in sports and physical activities from around the world as well as learning about the work of Compassion UK ([Compassion UK | Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name](#)). In addition, the year group will be having a special talk about drugs from an external speaker as part of the schools PSHE programme.

With their exams fast approaching Year 11 students will be taking part in specialist sessions to support the completion of their NEA course work. This is a vital day for students completing work in PE, Drama, Music, Media, DT, Food, and Business. All students will also have opportunities to revise in subjects across the school and to develop skills that will be vital for the upcoming GCSE exams. In addition, students will also take part in the PSHE drugs talk.

School Disco for years 7 and 8 - Thursday 26th March

The school disco for Years 7 and 8 is taking place on Thursday 26th March in the Main Hall. It will start at 6:30 and finish at 8:00pm. Tickets are now available via ParentPay at £3.50 each. Sweets and drinks will be available to purchase on the night too!



Wearing PE kit to school - Sports Fixtures

Students should not be coming into school in PE kit for the majority of sports fixtures. On occasions when a match/competition is during the school day, there are times when students should arrive in school in PE kit and this will be explicitly said on the team sheet and via email home.

Year 7 Rugby - Sussex Champs!

Our year 7 boys have returned victorious as Sussex champions after beating The Weald 35-10 in the Sussex final. King's had to defend well to begin with early Weald pressure, but went into half time 25-0 with tries from Henry, Manny, Luke and Joe. The Weald scored 2 tries back after half time and put King's under pressure. King's showed a brilliant attitude and stuck in the game, tackling and rucking well, and wrestled back momentum, eventually scoring 2 more tries from Manny and George, sealing an emphatic victory 35-10! King's have gone the season unbeaten in rugby union beating state and prep schools along the way and were well deserved champions!



Amazon wish list for RP

Year 8 students will be taking part in a research project based on their unit of work "Sacred Spaces." This unit of work will involve looking at different places and analysing what makes

them sacred. If you are able to help us in facilitating this project, then we would really appreciate donations from the attached wishlist of books - [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Lost property



If students have misplaced items of their school uniform, please encourage them to check the racks and boxes in the main hall, where all lost property is kept.

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

Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination (Teenage Booster vaccination) Yr9: 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 have received an email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for these vaccinations.

Yr10 & 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.

National Career Week

This year's theme, Own Your Future, encourages students to explore opportunities, build key skills, and take confident steps towards their next move.

During tutor time this week we have looked at lots of different career opportunities. Please do encourage your child to log into Unifrog and to complete the many quizzes on there to help them start to think about their next steps.

If you have any questions please do contact careers@kingschoolhove.org.uk

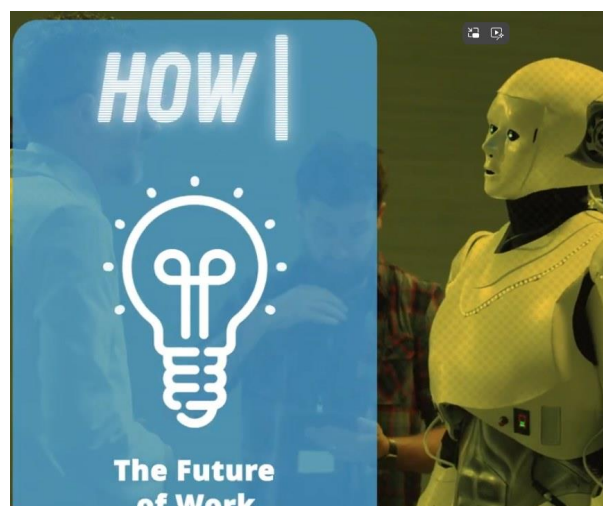
Do check out the following useful resources.

[Virtual Work Experiences | UCAS](#)

[UCAS Parents' Podcast | UCAS](#)



The Future of Work 2026 - YouTube



Posters and Information

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



Harry's Village

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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.

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Book your ticket on eventbrite now.



Spring Summer

Friday 17 April
The Engineerium
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6 – 10.00 pm



Harry's Village

Pre-loved Fashion & Fizz

Spring/Summer

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