



Headteacher's Update, No 322, 13th March 2026

Dates for your Diary



Friday 20th March: Second Enrichment Day and Eid-al-Fitr

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

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

Friday 27th March: Last Day of term, students dismissed by 12:30pm

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 4:30-7:30pm (on site)

Thursday 2nd July: Year 6 Parents' Welcome Evening 5:30-6:30pm (on site)

Sports Fixtures



Details for all sports fixtures will be emailed home to parents / carers.

Attendance

"Congratulations to 8E who have achieved a fantastic 100% Tutor group attendance this week. Well done 8E!!"

Students of the Week

Year 7: Purdey M in 7G for her high engagement in History!

Year 9: Sophia L for her hard work across subject areas.

Year 11: Lilika S for great effort in History.

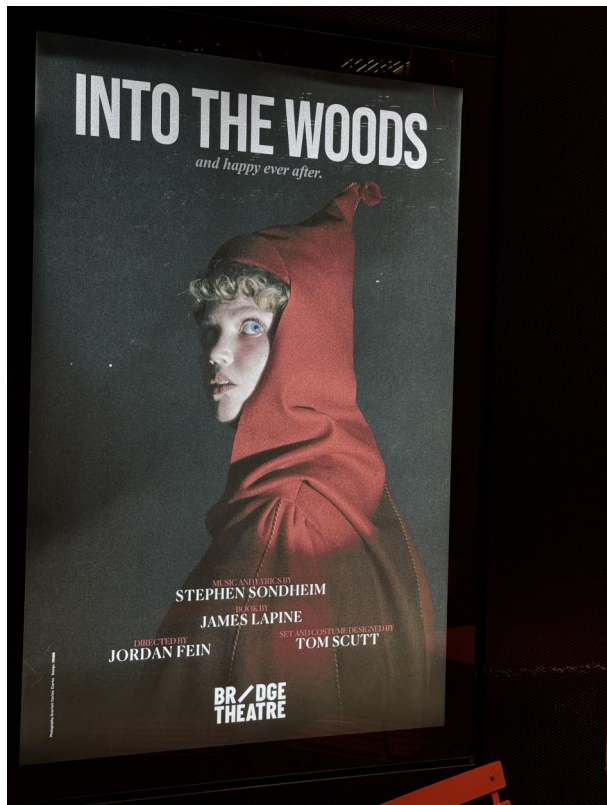
Swim Gala Photos from the event last week!





INTO THE WOODS

Last week Miss Johnson and I had the pleasure of taking ten wonderful Year 11 Drama students to see *Into the Woods* at the Bridge Theatre in London. The students were entranced by the location at night, right by Tower Bridge and facing the Tower of London. It was lovely hearing their comments about their futures and what they might do. As we were early, we had a little wander and stumbled upon the PriceWaterhouseCoopers building. Suffice to say they now know it is a big accountancy firm housed in a very flash building! The theatre is an inviting place itself and although our seats weren't perfect, we had fun peering into the orchestra pit which was elevated above and to the side of the stage, and seeing what musicians do when they get a bit bored (pull faces, go on their phones, mimic other musicians - bit like your average teenager...) The show itself was tremendous. It retells several Grimm Tales but mashes them up. It goes deep too, with themes of parenting, coming of age, grief, separation, greed and loss. Miss Johnson looked it up on the way home and Sondheim channelled some of his own difficult experiences as a child into it. Theatre as catharsis and the power of storytelling, especially to a live audience! I do explain this in my lessons from time to time ...Unfortunately on the way home our train got stuck behind a broken down one and we were stranded for a bit. Fortunately, that meant we got to sing happy birthday to one of our number who turned 16 at midnight. We all got home very late and were bleary eyed the next day, but it was totally worth it. *Into the Woods* has been nominated for no less than 11 Olivier awards and is on at the Bridge Theatre until 30th May - still time to catch it but be quick, those tickets will go go go! *Mrs Grosvenor*





International Women's Day

Last Sunday 8th March was International Women's Day. Mrs Price recorded a filmed assembly for students on the topic of International Women's Day which has been shown to all students in tutor times this week. The assembly encouraged students to reflect on the progress made on gender equality in the UK and around the world to date. It also explored the topic of misogyny in modern society, and especially the ways in which teenagers might experience misogyny online, and in their daily lives. The assembly concluded by encouraging students to educate themselves on gender inequality issues and to ensure that they are always doing what they can to support and uplift others in line with our ethos and values.

British Science Week

This week is British Science Week and there have been lots of activities taking place at King's to celebrate.

On Monday, our students had fun experimenting with the Van de Graaf generator and learning about static electricity with Dr Wieland. On Tuesday, Mrs Ross demonstrated some exciting exothermic reactions, including the screaming jelly baby and elephants' toothpaste. On Wednesday Mr Bensusan demonstrated some radioactive thorium and Thursday saw Mr Kent teach students about the circulatory system by dissecting an ox heart. On Friday there was an insightful careers talk about medicine from Dr Alice Roueche.

Next week the fun continues with trips to Hove Park and Sussex University for STEM themed days and our Year 7 enrichment trip to the Science Museum.



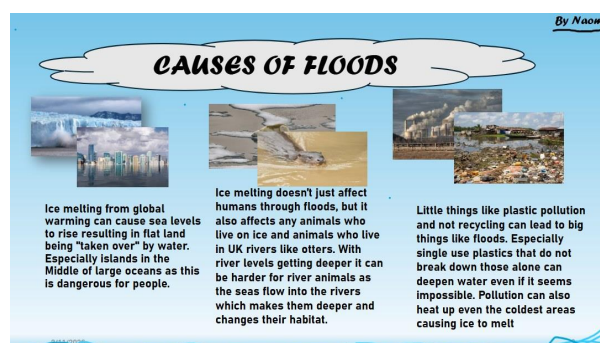
Year 10 Exams

A reminder that the 10 Exams will be taking place the **week beginning Monday 20th April**. A copy of the timetable for Year 10 exam week is now available on the school website: [King's School](http://www.kings-school.co.uk). Students will receive individual copies of their timetable, which will include their exam location, in advance of the exams.

Year 8 DT Water Bottle Project - Written by Naomi 8E and Jemima 8G

This topic we have been looking at UK wildlife, pollution and flooding dangers in rivers. The aim of this project was to create a water bottle showcasing an animal or UK wildlife scene. We want to cut down using single use plastic and we all now have a reusable bottle made of aluminium (since that's better for the environment as you can re-use it and it is more durable.) We created water bottles by sublimation printing our design onto them using 180 degrees to transfer the design onto the bottle.

In this topic we have used many different skills such as drawing, using Photopea (Computer Aided Design) to add colour, research and teamwork (when we created group PowerPoints on this topic and presented them in the class). We also looked at how pollution in seas and rivers can affect the animals in our country, I think this is very important to learn about this now, as it raises awareness for the younger generations. Please have a look at two slides from our presentation





Eid-al-Fitr

Eid-al-Fitr is expected to fall on Friday 20th March. We will authorise one day of absence on this date for Muslim students.

Parents/carers should notify us via attendance@kingschoolhove.org.uk if their child/children will be absent on Friday 20th March for this reason.

Year 9: Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination

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. **The online consent form must be completed by 11am on Thursday 19th March**, in order for them to be included in the vaccination session at school on **Monday 23rd March**. If you have any queries regarding these vaccinations please contact the Immunisation Team on: **01273 696011 x3789**. If your child is in Year 9 and you have not received any information regarding this, please email admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk

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

Year 7 Online Health Questionnaire – School Nursing Team

The School Nursing Team will be inviting all Year 7 students to complete an online health questionnaire in school during the week beginning 16 March. Students will be briefed about the questionnaire during their Year 7 Assembly on Monday 16th and can complete it during their Computer Science lessons that week. Completing the questionnaire is optional. If a student answers “yes” to any questions, the School Nursing Team will offer them a face-to-face appointment in school.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Nurse Service on 01273 696011 (ext. 1692).

Miss Woods

Head of Year 7

Year 9 Netball Tournament

A huge congratulations to our two Year 9 netball teams who showed fantastic effort and determination during their tournament this week, playing with great teamwork and supporting one another throughout every match. They stayed positive and constantly encouraged each other, which really helped them keep their energy and focus on the court. There was excellent defensive and attacking play across both teams. Libby S delivered an incredible performance in centre, while Ava W showed brilliant defending to stop the opposition's attacks. Ella G also deserves special recognition for her commitment and versatility, stepping in to play wherever she was needed and giving her all for the team. Well done girls, you should all be very proud of your performance.



Year 10 Boys' Rugby

Our Year 10 rugby boys took part in the state school Sussex 7s competition on Wednesday, going undefeated all tournament. They won all 4 group games against Sackville, Seaford

Head, Lewes Priory and Varndean, ending up in a final against Shoreham Academy who they lost to in a match earlier this season. Both teams put in a high level of effort after a long afternoon, with King's taking the lead in the first minute with Matthew intercepting a pass for an easy run in. King's then put in an immense defensive effort to stop Shoreham's strong runners. King's were then clinical in possession and a well worked attacking phase allowed Huw to step the last defender and take a 14-0 lead. As both teams became fatigued at the end of the first half, the ball fell to the Shoreham winger who found space and scored a breakaway try to make it 14-7 at half time. King's then dominated the second half and won lots of turnover ball, while being physical in defence, especially Ben making last man tackles to prevent any further tries to Shoreham. King's scored another try after some excellent teamwork and support play, allowing Chris to score under the posts. Both teams dug deep in the last few minutes and as the last play was called, one of the Shoreham players brushed off a tackle and ran the length of the pitch to score a consolation try, meaning King's won 21-12 at the final whistle and become Sussex Champions! This was an immense effort all afternoon from the boys and their overall played improved lots as the matches went on. All of the boys should be proud of their performance and a shout out to Huw for his creative play all day but the boys decided the man of the match was Ben with an immense physical effort in attack and defence all tournament. Well done boys!



Rugby League - discount ticket prices for the Challenge Cup Finals Day

As a school that has taken part in Rugby League activity we would like to pass on two ticket offers for our [Challenge Cup Finals](#) day that will be held at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 30th May 2026. Both the Women's (11.45am KO) and Men's (3.00pm KO) Finals will take place at England's most famous stadium and your school has the opportunity to attend via to great offers.

Offer 1 – this offer can be used by the school itself or be shared directly with your students' families so they can take up the offer individually as a family group.

To access the offer please follow the link below, input the code and students' families can select the tickets they want.

Link: [Schedule | MyProVenue™](#)

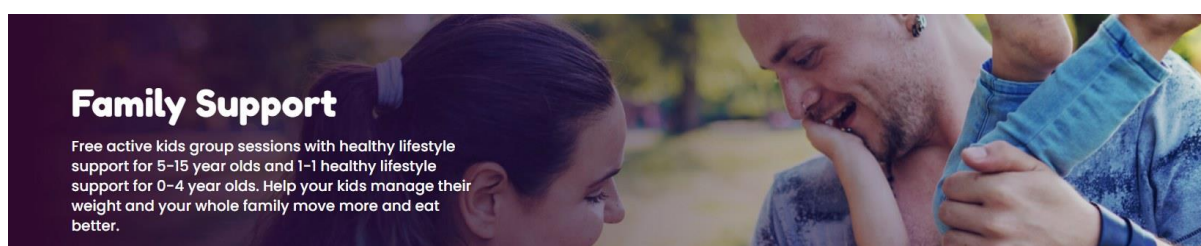
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Ticket prices on offer are:

Lower Wembley Bowl - £25 adults / £5 juniors (U16s)

Upper Wembley Tier - £20 adults / £5 juniors (U16s)

Gloji - Children & Families Programme



Gloji are launching their next Children & Families Programme. It will be at the King Alfred on a Wednesday from 4 - 5.15pm starting on 15th April for 12 weeks (last session 1st July). Free active kids group sessions with healthy lifestyle support for 5-15 year olds and 1-1 healthy lifestyle support for 0-4 year olds. Help your kids manage their weight and your whole family move more and eat better.

[Children & Family Programme - Gloji Brighton & Hove](#)

Year 11 Exam Dates

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The GCSE and A-level exam dates are available on the school website. The first written GCSE exam is Drama on Friday 8th May. The first written A-level exam is Economics on Monday 11th May.

Practical exams will be taking place for Drama and Food over the next two weeks. Please check your emails for information sent by your child's teacher about these assessments if your child is taking Food or Drama. The Art GCSE will take place on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th April.

The Year 11 Leavers' celebration will be on Friday 1st May. Students will be expected in school as normal on Tuesday 5th May until half for normal lessons, when they are not in exams. Study leave will begin after May half term.

Donate a Prom Outfit

As our Year 11 prom season approaches, we are excited to celebrate our students' hard work, resilience, and achievements. But we also know that the cost of formal wear can be a barrier for some young people who would love the chance to take part in this special occasion.

This year, we're launching our **Prom Clothes Donation** with the support of the PTA—an initiative to help ensure that *every* student can step into prom feeling confident, included, and ready to make lasting memories.

What We're Collecting

We welcome donations of gently used:

- Prom dresses and evening gowns
- Suits, tuxedos, blazers, trousers
- Shoes, bags, ties, and accessories
- Jewellery and hair accessories

All sizes, colours, and styles are appreciated! If it's clean, in a good condition, and something a young person could proudly wear, we would love to receive it.

Donations can be dropped off at the front reception by Friday 24th April.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Coles

Last Day of term and Start of the Summer Term

Our final day of term is Friday 27th March. All students should arrive in school for 8:30am as normal, in usual school uniform. They will have several lessons, a tutor time, and an extended break time, during which there will be a brunch service in the canteen. The day will end with celebration assemblies. Key Stage 3 students will be dismissed at 12:25pm, and Key Stage 4 students at 12:30pm.

Bus services will not be altered on this date so students should plan their journeys home in advance.

Attendance at school is important on this date, as it is on all school days. The summer term starts for all students on Tuesday 14th April and students should arrive in school for an 8:30am start as usual on this date.

Please note that Monday 13th April is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all students on this date.

CoppaFeel - Raising awareness of Breast cancer



A member of our parent community is doing a wonderful thing - raising money and awareness for a charity called CoppaFeel: [CoppaFeel! | Check Your Chest | Breast Cancer Awareness Charity](#)

CoppaFeel are the UK's only youth-focused breast cancer awareness charity, with their main aim to get all young people checking their chest's. With cancer at an all-time high, particularly a rapid increase in breast cancer for the under 40's, it is imperative that we encourage getting to know our own bodies, so that any changes are immediately reported to the GP. Early detection saves lives, we know that, but this charity is spreading the word to ensure that this is happening.

Our parent is undertaking a charity trek and walking the Great Wall of China for 5 days in September to raise £4,000 for CoppaFeel.

If you would like to donate to this charity and support our parent, your contribution would be very much appreciated: [Hannah Beach is fundraising for CoppaFeel!](#)

Posters and Information

Level 3

CYCLE TRAINING



at Preston Park and Hove Park

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 £ per person.

To book your place, please contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Monday 30 March – Wednesday 1 April
Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 April
1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 15

All children must have attended a level 2 course and show allow 3 months practice between levels.
All trainees will be assessed on level 2 outcomes before progressing further.



Level 1 & Level 2

CYCLE TRAINING



at Preston Park and Hove Park

Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is depended on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

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

Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April
Tuesday 7 – Friday 10 April
10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 – 15

Levels 1 & 2 together is £47 per person.

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



ST LEONARD'S
YOUTH CAFE

3:30-5pm
 Every other Thursday
 in term time.

Join us for games, table tennis, Nintendo Switch, hot chocolates, toasties, milkshakes and more!

26 th March	4 th June
16 th April	18 th June
30 th April	2 nd July
14 th May	

St Leonards Church,
 BN3 4ED

Suitable for school years
 7 - 11.

KING'S SCHOOL PTA
 PRESENTS

NEON
Disco

THURSDAY
 26TH MARCH

6:30-8PM

KING'S SCHOOL

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW VIA
 PARENT PAY WEBSITE!

YEAR 7'S AND 8'S ONLY