



## **Headteacher's Update, No 323, 20th March 2026**

## Theme of the Week: Dignity (rights and responsibilities)

### Dates for your Diary



**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



**Monday 23rd March:** Year 7 Girls Football at Dorothy Stringer

## Attendance

"Congratulations to 7B who have achieved over 99% Tutor group attendance this week. Well done 7B!!!"

## Students of the Week

**Year 7:** Vincent S for going to English at lunchtime to complete more prep for his assessment

**Year 10:** Milo L for running a club for aspiring medics

**Year 11:** Isla P for great work in History

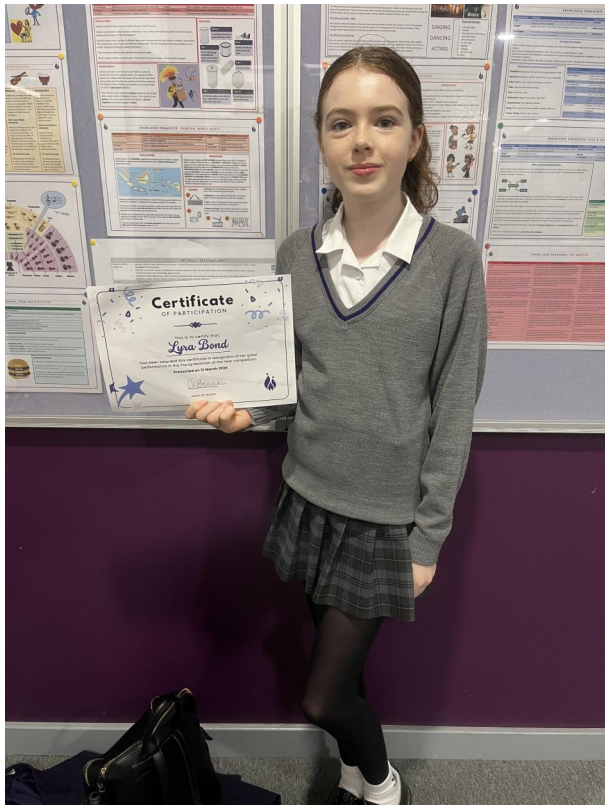
## Young Musician of the Year 2026

The Young Musician of the Year competition was once again a highlight of the school calendar, showcasing an impressive breadth of musical talent from King's students. Performers presented works across a wide range of genres, demonstrating both technical skill and musical maturity. All competitors were drawn from Key Stage 3, and each delivered

performances of exceptional calibre. Students sang, played percussion, and one even demonstrated the remarkable ability to perform on piano and harmonica simultaneously, reflecting the depth and diversity of musical ability within our school community. We were honoured to welcome two distinguished adjudicators for the evening: Jonathan Knight, former King's student and now a freelance composer, and Simon Smith, Instrumental Tuition Director for Create Music. Both adjudicators commented on the outstanding standard of performance, offering detailed and thoughtful feedback to every participant. Following careful deliberation, the adjudicators awarded the Highly Commended prize to Amaru HS (Year 8) and the First Prize to Alena N (Year 9), both of whom delivered exceptional performances on the piano.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all participants. Each performer should feel immensely proud of their achievements and of the professionalism they brought to the event.







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

Parents /Carers will have received information about this vaccination session that is taking place in school on Monday 23rd March. If you have completed the online consent form for your child to have this vaccination, please can you encourage them to eat breakfast on Monday morning, and to wear a short sleeved shirt if possible.

The deadline for completing the online consent form has now passed, so it is no longer possible to sign your child up to have this in school on Monday. However, information will be sent out by the immunisation team in the near future about how to book a vaccination appointment for your child at a later date.

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

## GCSE Drama Practical Exam Wednesday 25th March

Wishing our wonderful Year 11 Drama students all the best with their practical exam next week. They have been working hard and juggling mocks and NEA portfolios; here's hoping they can feel proud of their achievements come 3pm next Wednesday too. We won't know how they have done til August, but I have every confidence in them that they will show commitment, focus, energy and engagement in their performances and design work.

Mrs Grosvenor

## 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!

## Neurodiversity Celebration Week – celebrate what makes you *You!*

This week, 16–20th of March 2026, our school has taken part in Neurodiversity Celebration Week - a time to recognise and celebrate the different ways our brains work. Autism, ADHD, dyslexia, Tourette's syndrome and many other neurological differences are all part of the wonderful variety that makes our world more interesting, creative, and innovative. Our school community is stronger because we are not all the same. Life is so much richer and exciting when we understand and value each other's differences. Some students got involved by creating posters, discussed what makes them unique and provided guidance to others on strategies they found helpful to overcome barriers when faced with challenges. All contributions will be brought together in a special presentation that will be shared during assemblies in the final week of term (23–27 March).

Thank you to all the students who took part in celebrating our strengths, differences, and the things that make every one of us unique!



## Post 16 open evenings

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see the link below as you and your child start to consider the many options available to them post 16. There are many taster days that come up in the summer term. Please do inform attendance absence in the same way if your child is attending these.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oQNZVkkDI73AYyAZMtRPYAlqG3X2\\_aXxEf9SUQOaXQ/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oQNZVkkDI73AYyAZMtRPYAlqG3X2_aXxEf9SUQOaXQ/edit?tab=t.0)

Best Wishes,

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.**

## Posters and Information

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

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## 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  
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[justgiving.com/forewellandng/harrysvillage](https://www.justgiving.com/forewellandng/harrysvillage)



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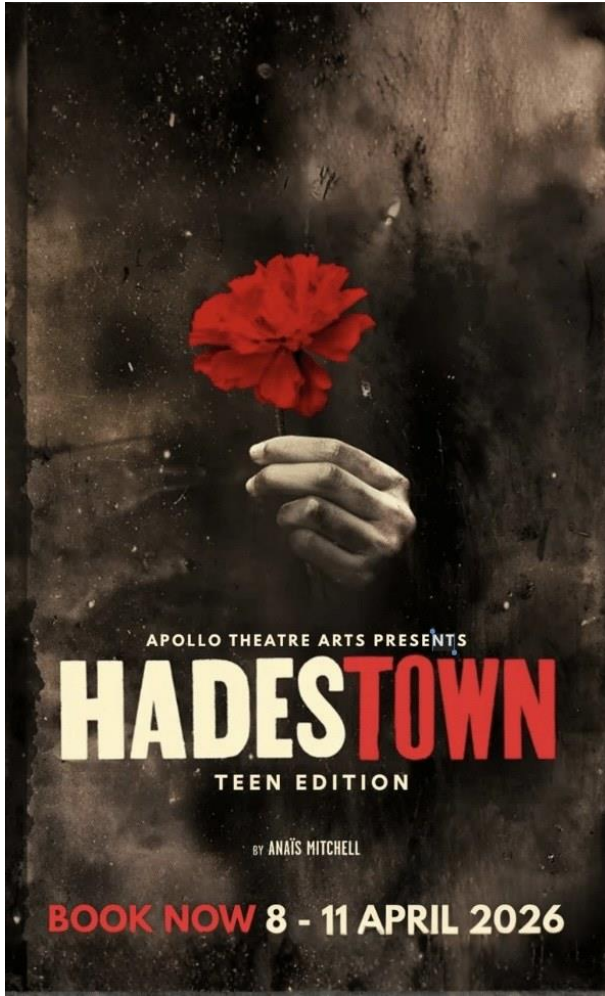
THURSDAY  
26TH MARCH

6:30-8PM

KING'S SCHOOL

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW VIA  
PARENT PAY WEBSITE!

YEAR 7'S AND 8'S ONLY



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# HADESTOWN

TEEN EDITION

BY ANAIS MITCHELL

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