



Headteacher's Update: No 328, 15 May 2026

Theme of the Week

Service (series on Character)

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Dates for your Diary



Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May: Half term - Year 11 intervention running by invitation
Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May

Friday 5th June: PTA Quiz Night 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Thursday 11th June: Year 10 Parents' evening 4:30-7:30pm (**CORRECTION online**)

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

Friday 3rd July: INSET Day - Year 6 induction day; school closed to all current students

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July: Enrichment Days

Letters on the Website

Sixth Form

General Letters

14.05.26 [Deadline for Student Finance](#)

14.05.26 [Year 12 Exam Timetable and Study Leave](#)

Sports Fixtures



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

Attendance

"Year 11 are doing so well at attending revision sessions for final GCCE preparation. They have made a great start to their GCSEs - well done Year 11!!"

Students of the Week

Year 8: Emily K for great work In History and Hong H for great work in Maths.

Year 9: Eleanor C for her excellent work in English.

Year 10: Matthew C in 10P for fantastic attitude in Computer Science, asking lots of questions and being really engaged in the work.

Historian of the Fortnight!

Fin has been awarded *Historian of the Fortnight* for his quiet determination and consistent hard work. He approaches history with genuine curiosity, often immersing himself in his research and engaging deeply with the material. Fin works extremely well alongside his table of supportive peers, who he proudly calls his friends, and contributes positively to a focused learning environment. His Cold War exam paper was excellent, demonstrating strong knowledge and thoughtful analysis, and his improved focus throughout this year has been particularly noticeable.

A well-deserved recognition for a committed and reflective historian.

Well done, Fin!



Wonderful musicians from King's perform with Brighton and East Sussex Youth Orchestra

It was an incredible privilege to be invited to hear the Brighton & East Sussex Youth Orchestra perform on Monday 18th May at the Brighton Dome—and an even greater pleasure to see our very own King's students among the performers. Joshua R (Year 11) and Rafe M (Year 7) were both performing as cellists in the orchestra, and it was wonderful to see Robbie Nicholls, a former King's student, leading the trombone section.

The youth orchestra is run by Create Music, our Brighton-based music hub, and was conducted by Peter Davison. The concert opened with a stunning performance of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2, featuring Curtis Phill Hsu (winner of the 2024 Hastings Piano Competition), accompanied by the orchestra. It was superb—an extraordinary display of musical maturity and professionalism from such a young orchestra and an exceptionally talented soloist, just 19 years old.

The orchestra then went on to perform three further beautiful works by Ethel Smyth, LeFanu, and Saint-Saëns.

It was a truly magical evening—one that Ms Woods and I were very proud to be part of.





London City Lioness

After completing a month of trials with London City Lionesses, Isla W, Year 8 has been offered a place within their academy. Isla is thrilled and has worked extremely hard for this opportunity.

Isla has previously represented Brighton District Schools and is a keen footballer who currently plays for Sussex schools and several successful grass roots teams.

We are sure you will join us in celebrating Isla's fantastic accomplishment within the school community!



Year 7 Super 6's Athletics Competition

A massive congratulations to our Year 7 athletics squad following their performance at the recent Super 6's competition, where they achieved 3rd place out of 11 participating schools. Every student in the squad contributed to the success, which involved many outstanding results in individual races and events.

Well done!



Year 11 and Year 13 Exams

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day . . . By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work." *Genesis 1:31 and 2:2*

We are very proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have had a fantastic start to their GCSEs and A-level exams.

Please encourage your young people to balance revision with rest this weekend. We know that this is a stressful time for all our students who are facing exams.

There is a strong body of evidence to show that structure and routine is really important for our young people, especially at times of high anxiety. We also know that some of our young people find it very difficult to manage independent study.

Attending timetabled lessons with familiar teachers who can help guide study is really important as students adjust to the challenges of sitting the final exams.

Next week we have whole cohort exams Monday - Thursday. A reminder that only students sitting PE GCSE are expected in on Friday 22nd May.

In line with our previous communications, we expect all students to be in school when they are not in an exam until the end of Thursday and will not authorise study leave until Friday next week.

Year 11 Uniform



Following the final GCSE examination and the end of the school year, we would be very grateful for any donations of school uniform to the PTA.

If you are happy to contribute, please place any unwanted uniform items in the large black bin located in Reception. These donations will be made available to support students in our community who would greatly benefit from them.

Thank you very much for your kindness and support.

Omgoggle

We wanted to write to you this week to make you aware of a new app which is gaining popularity amongst young people.

Omgoggle is a new anonymous video chat site where users are paired with strangers and rated on their appearance by an AI algorithm. It has become a popular platform within the

"mogging" trend where people are compared and ranked based on their looks and has been gaining significant traction across platforms such as Twitch and TikTok, particularly among younger audiences.

Why is it a concern?

The site's anonymous nature means young people can end up in an unmoderated space being judged on how they look, with no oversight. This kind of content is linked to body image issues, low self-esteem, and bullying, and it's particularly concerning for younger users. We are constantly updating our school filtering system to block sites as they appear and we have added 'Omoggle' so no student will be able to access this at school. Any searches or activity containing this term will be flagged as an alert, to help us to identify students who may be trying to access the site or engaging with this type of content.

Squishy Toys and Fidget Toys

Over the last twelve months we have seen a rise in the number of squishy fidget toys being brought into school. We know that a small number of students with additional needs do benefit from having fidget toys in school and we would not want to prevent this. However, recently there have been a high number of product recalls on the 'stretchy' toys due to asbestos contamination and other risks. I have listed the product recalls below and copied an image of the popular Stretcherz.

These toys must not be brought into school.



Key 2026 Fidget Toy Recalls

- **Stretcherz Stretchy Toys (Asbestos Hazard):** HTI Toys recalled several Stretcherz toys, including the "Stretch Squad Assortment" and "Slammerz Assortment," sold at major UK retailers like ASDA, B&M, Tesco, and others. Tests showed the sand filling contained trace levels of asbestos.
- **Squishy Dino/Unicorn Eggs (Microbiological/Choking Hazard):** Recalled by PMS International because they can burst, releasing small parts and an "aqueous solution" that exceeded microbial limits.
- **Based Online Fidget Magnet Balls (Ingestion Hazard):** Recalled due to high-powered magnets that pose a risk of serious injury or death if swallowed.
- **KTL Stretchy Poop Toys (Asbestos Hazard):** Recalled in March 2026 due to potential asbestos contamination in the sand filling.
- **Smyths Toys "Dig" Products (Asbestos Hazard):** Certain sand-filled dig toys sold by Smyths were recalled in April 2026 for asbestos.

One very popular range of fidget toys are produced by NeeDoh (pictured below). To date there have been no product recalls on these items. We do not feel it is necessary to ban these items at this time. However, if your child does not need to bring a squishy fidget toy to school, please ensure they stay at home to avoid causing unnecessary distraction in lessons.



Year 13 - Final Morning Celebration

There was a real sense of excitement, reflection and pride as our Year 13 students gathered for their final morning at King's. It was a special opportunity to pause, look back on their journey, and celebrate all that they have achieved during their time in the Sixth Form. The morning was filled with warmth and laughter, as students shared memories from their years at King's – from their first days settling into Year 7 to the many milestones they have reached along the way. Friendships that have grown over years were clear to see, alongside the strong sense of community that defines our school. We wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their journey – once part of King's, always part of King's.



PTA Quiz Night

Join us for a fun parent/carer quiz night on Friday 5th June, 7:00pm -9:00pm at school.

Parents/Carers/Friends are all welcome for an evening of friendly competition and great company. We welcome teams of up to 8 or will happily place you in a team if you are coming along solo.

Wine/beer/soft drinks will be available for purchase, along with snack platters. Please note this is an over 18s event only.

We are hoping to run a raffle on the night and would warmly welcome any prize donations - big or small! Please drop them to the office before the 5th of June.

Tickets are available to buy on ParentPay at £5 per person. All proceeds will go towards the PTA fund to support the children in our school.

Hope to see you there

PTA



Careers at King's

Having conversations about next steps after school can be hard. Irrum Magre, the Careers Leader at Shoreham Academy, talks you through how to chat 'next steps' without stress. Tip Number 1 – don't say 'careers'!

[Careers Leader Irrum Magre shares tips to help parents and carers talk to young people about careers](#)



Letter from Sussex Police

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your children are looking forward to the upcoming half term and hopefully some warm sunny weather.

With that we are asking that you have an awareness of where your children are and to encourage them to look after each other.

Last year at a similar time and more recently there were large gatherings on the beach and lower promenade by the Shelter Hall at the bottom of West Street. Due to the large numbers of children and subsequent disorder plus a serious concern for vulnerable young people through intoxication a Police presence has regularly been required. The police presence is also required in order to try and limit the impact on local businesses and communities. Unfortunately there have been arrests on previous occasions in order to minimise the risk to those present and maintain order.

We are aware of gatherings being organised via social media platforms for as early as next week, specifically Friday 15th May on the seafront in Brighton.

We are asking parents/guardians to speak with their children about where they are meeting friends and to keep themselves safe. Please consider encouraging your children to meet in places where there are no mass gatherings or if they find themselves in a place where things are deteriorating, to leave for a place of safety.

Our team will be out with partner agencies in and around the Lower Promenade area to provide some safeguarding reassurance.

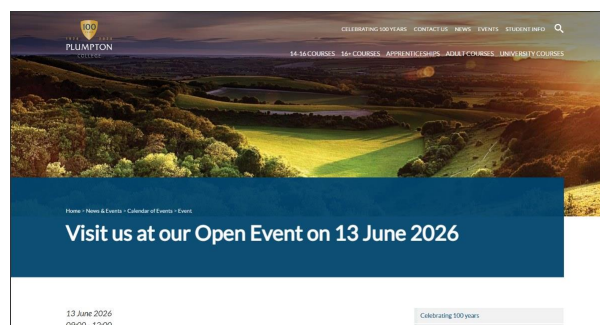
Wishing you a safe and happy Summer.

Kind Regards,

Brighton Youth Team



Posters and Information



**UNDER 25 AND PASSIONATE ABOUT
EQUITY & CHANGE?**

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO:

- IDENTIFIES AS BLACK, AFRICAN DIASPORIC, OR MIXED AFRICAN HERITAGE
- CARES DEEPLY ABOUT ANTI-RACISM, EQUALITY, AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION
- WANTS TO HELP SHAPE KEY ORGANISATIONAL DECISIONS
- BRINGS FRESH IDEAS AND HONEST PERSPECTIVE
- CAN ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 2 MEETINGS PER YEAR.

WE'RE OFFERING

- A UNIQUE CV BOOSTING EXPERIENCE SHAPING THE FUTURE OF BARCO
- ACCESS TO A RANGE OF EXPERTS AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY NETWORK

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.



INTERESTED? SEND US AN EMAIL AT
INFO@BRIGHTON-BARCO.ORG

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HOVE BIKE BUS FUN!

TURN SAD MONDAYS INTO SOMETHING FUN!

RIDE TO SCHOOL. TOGETHER.
GOOD VIBES. BIG SMILES. GREAT STARTS.

FRESH AIR FRIENDS FUN!

STRONGER TOGETHER ON TWO WHEELS!



EVERY MONDAY
AT 7:50AM



MEET AT
NEW CHURCH ROAD
(PORTSLADE SIDE)



JOIN THE RIDE,
HOP ON, HOP OFF
AT YOUR SCHOOL!

OUR ROUTE - JOIN IN, HOP OFF!



START
NEW CHURCH ROAD
(PORTSLADE SIDE)



WEST HOVE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST ANDREW'S
SCHOOL



HOVE JUNIOR
SCHOOL



BLATCHINGTON
MILL SCHOOL



FINISH
KING'S SCHOOL

♥ People are welcome to join the Bike Bus from their stop and hop off at their school.
We are looking for parent volunteers to stay with primary children when they are dropped off.

WHY RIDE THE BIKE BUS?

- ✓ Beat the Monday blues
- ✓ Get active & feel great
- ✓ Save time & reduce traffic
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Start the week the right way!



ALL AGES WELCOME!
LET'S MAKE MONDAYS
THE BEST DAY TO RIDE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help make the Bike Bus safe and fun for everyone!

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION
SABRINA - 07904946969

♥ RIDE TOGETHER. SMILE TOGETHER. START THE WEEK BETTER. ♥