



## Headteacher's Update: No 329, 22 May 2026

### Theme of the Week

Aspiration (series on Character)

## Dates for your Diary



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

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

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

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

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

**Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 July:** Enrichment Days

## Letters on the Website

Whole School

General

20.05.26 [Family Reading Challenge](#)

## Sports Fixtures



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

## Attendance

"The following Tutor Groups achieved 100% attendance on one or more days this week: 7C, 8R, 9C and 10E" That is fantastic - well done!!"

## Students of the Week

**Year 7 Week 5:** Atrin H - 7B. This student consistently tries her best, is always smiling and is more than willing to help other students who are having difficulties.

**Year 7 Week 6:** Cody M - 7E: This student is exceptionally selfless, always showing genuine kindness to others and making a conscious effort to ensure everyone feels included and valued at school.

**Year 8:** Maggie B for great work in Science

**Year 8:** Samuel B for great work in Art

**Year 9:** Isabela C for being fantastic at explaining her Maths work for the Ofsted inspector.

## Historian of the Fortnight!

**13.05.2026 – 01.06.2026**

This fortnight, we are proud to celebrate Florence H as our Historian of the Fortnight.

Florence works tirelessly in every lesson and shows excellent commitment to her learning. She is a natural leader in the classroom, often helping to guide discussions and encourage others to think more deeply. She always checks her key terms and knowledge carefully, which helps her produce high-quality work.

Florence regularly exceeds her target in assessed work and is not afraid to challenge ideas or lead debate. Her confidence and determination help create a lively and thoughtful learning environment.

While her enthusiasm can sometimes come across strongly, she has worked hard to stay focused and channel her energy positively. She also completes excellent homework and shows real determination to succeed.

Well done, Florence, a fantastic effort!

## Two Historians of the Fortnight!

Congratulations to our two historians of the fortnight- the last of the 11B monarchs!

A huge well done to King Dougie! You have raised the bar of recalling information and delivering exceptional verbal explanations. You have brought a 'mostly' quiet confidence to 11B as well as humour, kindness and outstanding resilience. Your Cold War exam paper was brilliant, demonstrating strong subject knowledge and an improved written explanation. Dougie is a well-liked member of 11B who has consistently showed dedication and commitment to his studies in the lead up to exams. You are a pleasure to teach, and I am proud to have you in 11B!

A huge well done to our King Theo! Theo, you have unfailingly demonstrated kindness and perseverance throughout KS4 History. From asking thoughtful questions to improving upon verbal answers, Theo has a genuine desire to succeed. You have shown determination whilst learning challenging Cold War content and have engaged positively with feedback. Theo has regularly attended interventions and has shown commitment and diligence with his revision for his GCSE exams. A huge well done and keep up the hard work! It has been a pleasure teaching you over the last two years!



## Sunflowers

This half term Year 10s have had a sunflower growing competition. The results have been very mixed but 10C, 10E and 10G clearly have green fingers.

There were some spectacular specimens, but the overall winner was Lucy S from 10E with an impressive height of 71.2cm.

Well done Lucy!



## Paddington, Savoy Theatre, 14 May 2026

I had the pleasure of taking 49 students, accompanied by 3 wonderful staff, to see Paddington last week. The students were superbly behaved throughout, loved the experience, and we were treated to an exceptional production.

Martha, Isla and Elsie in Year 10 said:

"It was jaw-dropping; amazing! I jumped out of my seat when there was an explosion in the song 'Don't Touch That'. The actors were really good. The projections around the proscenium arch were really eye-catching and immersive. The Paddington costume was realistic and adorable. The black cab on stage was really cool. The use of the flies was excellent, especially when they lowered the bathtub and later when they raised the actors up. A must see. 10/10. Phenomenonal!"

"It was polished precision." Harry

"It was spectacular and amazing." Floyd

"We would give it a million stars; it was crazy good." Nikita and Elle

Many thanks to the staff, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Sweet, and Mrs White, who accompanied the trip.

Mrs Grosvenor





## Glue sticks - recycling update

If your child has come to school without a glue stick and needs to purchase one from us, the cost of them has increased to 65p. We are using a new supplier and the glue sticks are fully recyclable to be made into planters or benches. Please ask your child to deposit their old glue stick in the envelopes in the Finance Office and other classrooms in the school for us to return to the supplier.

## Blazers during the remainder of the Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all looking forward to a relaxing half term.

Now that the weather has warmed up, we are removing the requirement for students to wear blazers for the remainder of the Summer Term. However, if the weather does become cooler students should use their blazer for warmth and will not be permitted to wear coats, sweatshirts or hoodies in its place. If the weather gets exceptionally hot, we will send out a separate message to students and parents removing the requirement for ties.

Year 11s can continue to replace the blazer with their Leavers Hoodie but all other aspects of the uniform policy will remain in place for them.

Full details of the uniform policy can be found here:

<https://kingsschoolhove.org.uk/uniform.php>

Wishing you all a relaxing and safe half-term break.

Mr Chamberlain

## Letter from Brighton and Hove Buses

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to inform you of an upcoming change to payment methods on selected bus services.

From Tuesday 26 May 2026, express services 1X, 3X, and 25X will only accept non-cash payments onboard. Cash can still be used on all other services.

How to Pay

Passengers can use the following cashless payment options:

- Contactless card
- Brighton & Hove Buses app
- Apple Pay or Google Pay
- The Key Smartcard
- Concessionary pass
- SAVER ticket

Why is this changing?

Moving to cashless boarding helps reduce delays and improve reliability. Faster payment methods mean:

- Quicker boarding
- Shorter stop times
- More punctual journeys

Need help switching to cashless?

Support is available:

- Visit our Travel Hub (27 North Street) or Travel Desk (43 Conway Street)

- Call 01273 886200
- Visit [buses.co.uk/cashless](https://buses.co.uk/cashless)

Kind Regards

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## Youth Alpha at St Leonards Church

Aged 11-18? We have the space for you! Come to Youth Alpha. We have 8 weeks planned for open conversations about life, faith and purpose, mixed with games and free food!

What happens?

- Connection- starting with a game and food 🍕
- Content- each session we watch a video about faith and purpose.
- Conversations- say anything you like, or nothing at all.

6-7.30pm, every Wednesday, 27th May - 15th July. St Leonards Church.

Sign up [HERE](#) Come along and see what it's all about!



## Posters and Information

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