



# Headteacher's Update: No 332, 19 June 2026

## Theme of the Week

A Rich Life - Literature & Literacy

Did you know that the Bible is the most read collection of writings in the world?

This week we have been looking at the importance of literature and stories in the way we understand the world around us. We have also considered stories from different cultures as we prepare for Culture Day on Tuesday 23rd June.

## Letters on the Website

Sixth Form

General

15.06.26 [A-Level Mock and Final Exams 26/27](#)

Year 7

Trips

17.06.26 [Enrichment Day Trip to Boulder Brighton](#)

15.06.26 [Blacklands Farm Trip Final Itinerary](#)

Year 10

General

15.06.26 [GCSE Mock and Final Exam Dates 26/27](#)

Trips

17.06.26 [Duke of Edinburgh Completion](#)

Year 11 General

17.06.26 [GCSE Results Day 2026](#)

## Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 23 June:** Cultural Day

**Thursday 25 June:** Summer Showcase

**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 other than those invited to help with Year 6 Induction Day

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

**Thursday 9 July:** Year 11 Prom at Pangdean Barn

**Monday 13 July:** Sports Day at the Withdean Stadium

**Tuesday 14 July:** Awards' Evening (Award winners will be invited with their families)

**Wednesday 15 July:** King's Day

**Thursday 16 July:** Last Day of Term

**Thursday 13 August:** A-level Results Day

**Thursday 20 August:** GCSE Results Day

## Sports Fixtures



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

## Attendance

"With four weeks to go to the end of the school year - let's keep attendance as high as we can!! Congratulations to 8R, 8E and 7R who had 100% attendance for one or more days this week- well done!"

## Students of the Week

**Year 7:** George W (7B) for excellent motivation and focus this week! Well done, George! - Mr Kang

**Year 8:** Riley B for great work in Music and Lissy K for great work in Art

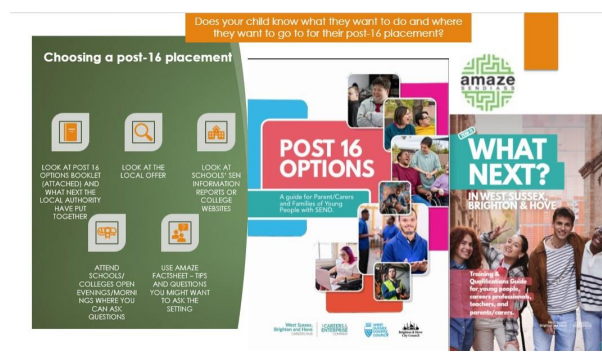
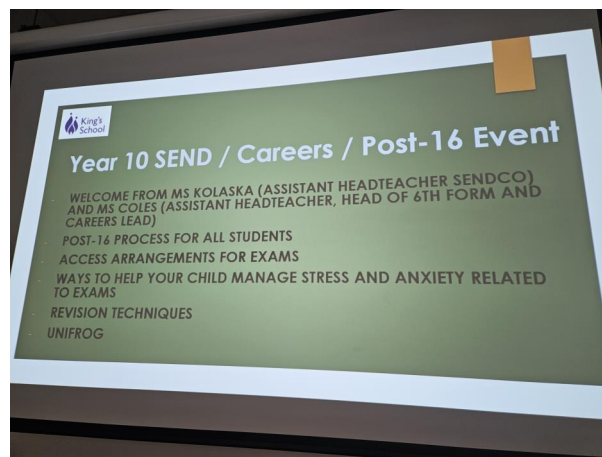
## Year 10 SEND Careers & Post-16 Event – King's School (18 June)

We were delighted to welcome families to our Year 10 SEND Careers and Post-16 Event on 18th June, which was a great success. The evening provided a helpful overview of Post-16 pathways, including how to research and apply to different providers, alongside key information on EHCP processes for applying to Post-16 providers.

Parents also valued guidance on exam access arrangements, supporting wellbeing during exams, and practical revision strategies. The introduction to Unifrog highlighted useful tools to explore careers and future options.

Thank you to all who attended. We look forward to continuing to support our students on their Yr11 and Post-16 journeys.

Ms Kolaska and Ms Coles

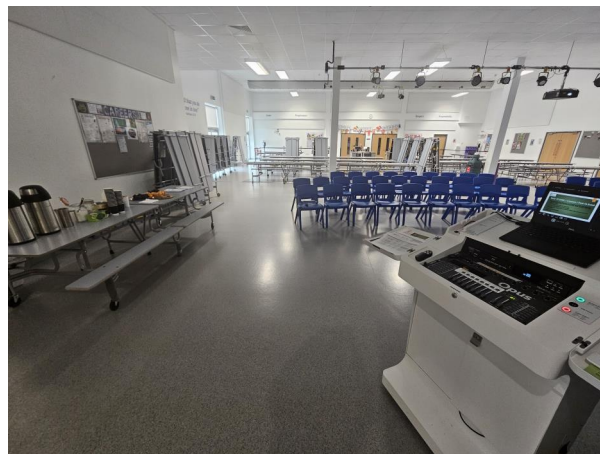
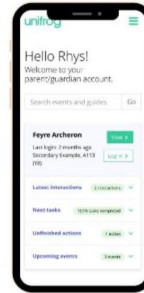




### Parents and caregivers: get signed up!

Why should students have all the fun?! You can create your own account to see key details about your child's Unifrog journey, and to access the tools in the same way students do!

Scan this QR code or go to [www.unifrog.org/parent](http://www.unifrog.org/parent) and create an account using your email address or Google single-sign on.



## Ben Jenkins Summer Showcase - Thursday 25 June from 5:00pm - 7:30pm

We would like to invite you to come and enjoy our wonderful **Ben Jenkins Summer Showcase**. The evening will start at **5.00pm**, where students will be performing on a small stage in the courtyard. There will be a pizza van and refreshments for you to purchase and enjoy. At **6.30pm** we will then move inside for further musical celebrations in the main hall. The evening is scheduled to finish around **7:30pm**. The pizza van will only be available from **5.00-6.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along.

## Summer Raffle at the Summer Showcase

King's PTA is running a summer raffle with some amazing prizes up for grabs. Get yourself a nice treat whilst also supporting the school!

### **Prizes include:**

£35 voucher for Tropical Paradise

One pair of sunglasses worth £90 from Zoedepass eye wear

Voucher for lunch 'Prato feito' at da Silva cafe in Church Road

121 PT session at The Shift worth £50 Korean lash lift from Ministry of Face worth £50

One voucher for a 50 cheese bread bag and 2l guarana soft drink from Mercadinho in Church Road

1 x 60min float session worth £80 at FloatSpa

Plus more!

Tickets available on parentpay until 24th June, and then cash only at the summer showcase on Thursday 25 June where we'll do the prize draw! All proceeds go directly to the school, for much needed equipment like new staging for the drama dept.

Thank you

King's PTA

## A-level Results Day - Thursday 13 August 2026

We would like to congratulate all of the Year 13 students for the way in which they have demonstrated resilience and tenacity during their exams. We wish them all a very happy and relaxing summer.

**Collection of Results:** A Level and other Level 3 results will be available for collection from 9am to 10am on Thursday 13th August in the Sixth Form social area. Students should attend in person to collect their results. If your child is unable to attend, they may nominate someone else to collect their results on their behalf by providing written permission in advance. Alternatively, results can be emailed to students' personal email addresses upon request. Please do email into [exams@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:exams@kingschoolhove.org.uk) with any requests for results to be emailed – the request will need to come from the student themselves. We would strongly encourage students to collect results in person wherever possible so that they can take advantage of the staff support that will be available in school.

**Support on the Day:** Members of the Sixth Form team and senior leadership team will be available throughout the morning to provide guidance and support. Whether students are

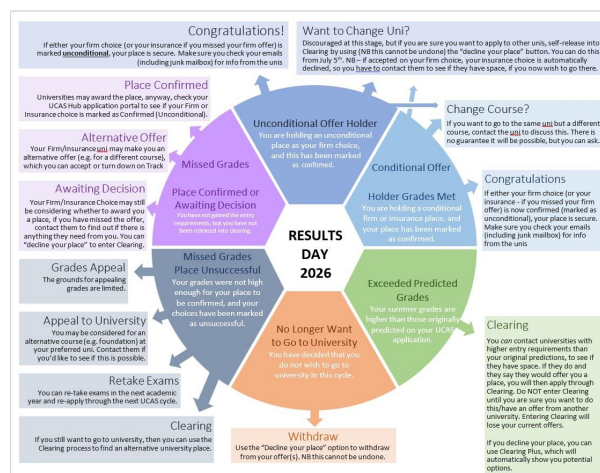
celebrating excellent outcomes or re-considering next steps due to unexpected results, we are here to help.

**University Admissions (UCAS):** UCAS Track will be live from 8:00am. Students should log in to check the status of their university offers. Please be aware that UCAS will not display actual grades—only confirmation of whether a place has been secured. In cases where students have not met the conditions of their offer, they may enter the clearing process. Our staff will be available to assist with this process as needed. I have also attached a guide to help with the UCAS process.

We know that this is a pivotal moment for our students and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. Whatever their results, we are committed to supporting them in their next steps—whether that be university, apprenticeships, employment, or further training.

Should you have any questions prior to results' day, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout your child's time at King's. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with them.



## GCSE Results Day 2026 - Thursday 20 August 2026

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.” Psalm 136:1**

We have reached the end of this year's GCSE series. Our Year 11 students have managed this long period of exams really well. We are very proud of them all and hope that they can now enjoy a restful summer break before they start their post-16 studies in September.

GCSE results day is **Thursday 20th August**. Students are invited into school to collect their results from the Sixth Form Social room between 9:30am and 11:00am. Please see the letter sent home on Wednesday for further information. Any student who is unable to collect their results in person should log in to their school email and complete the shared form to inform us they would like their results sent via email.

## Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze and Silver

### **Bronze:**

A huge congratulations to all the year 9 students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition over the weekend. Throughout the challenge, they demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork and determination, embracing every aspect of the experience with enthusiasm and maturity. The DofE leaders commented on how brilliant King's students were, praising their positive attitude and conduct throughout the expedition. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing many of them continue their Duke of Edinburgh journey next year by taking on the Silver Award.

### **Silver:**

Congratulations to all of our Year 10 students who successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition this weekend. Building on the experience gained during their practice expedition, students demonstrated significant improvements in their navigation skills and applied their learning with confidence. Throughout the journey, they showed impressive resilience, teamwork and determination, overcoming unexpected challenges and adapting positively to changing circumstances. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the maturity they displayed throughout the expedition. Well done year 10!

A huge thank you to Miss Gonzalez, Madame Merieau, Mr Morson, Mr Pretta, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Sulikosky and Mrs Wilson for supporting the students and making it a memorable weekend!







## King's Students Support Aldrington Prayer Space

We are incredibly proud of our Year 9 and 10 students who recently volunteered with **Off The Fence** at the Aldrington Prayer Space.

Students supported younger pupils through a range of thoughtful and engaging activities, helping to create a calm and reflective environment. Feedback from the organisers was overwhelmingly positive, with staff commenting on how well our students engaged with the children and supported them throughout the sessions.

It was particularly special for some students to reconnect with Aldrington staff, making the experience even more meaningful.

The children clearly valued the students' presence, with some even sharing written feedback and drawings to say thank you.

This opportunity was a fantastic example of our student's demonstrating empathy, leadership and service to the community. We are grateful to **Off The Fence** for providing such a valuable volunteering experience.



## Kier Workshop Experience by Year 8

We participated in a workshop run by the company Kier. They work with the council and build structures like schools, public spaces and sewage plants. We had a question and answer session about engineering and fun facts. This involved picking a side and trying to get it right. It showed a different range of engineering roles and products like airports, stadiums, solar panels, wind farms, shoes...

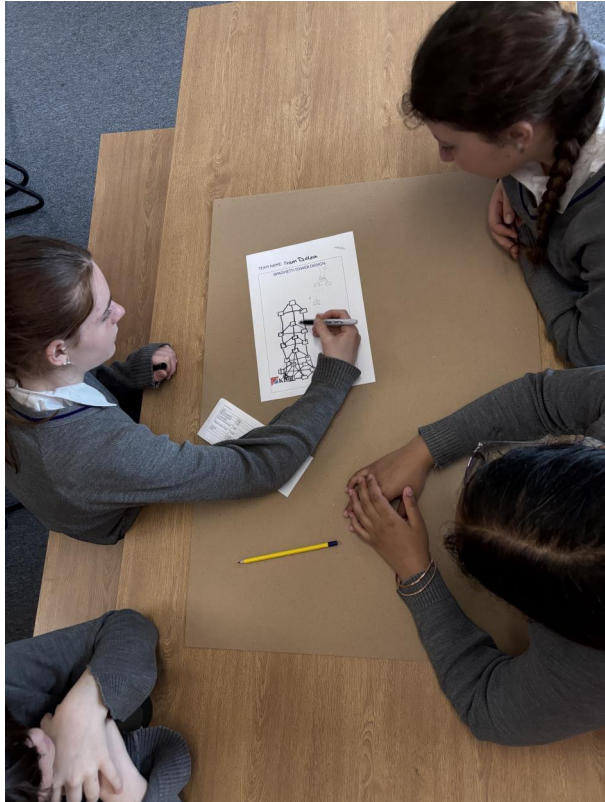
Then we made a 'sustain-o-meter', which you had to use to show how sustainable and unsustainable products and processes are like landfills, solar panels and living roofs. This showed us how we can help the environment by being sustainable.

Now the fun part, we made marshmallow and spaghetti towers. We had a limited amount of 10 marshmallows and could buy either sustainable brown pasta which was cheaper but weaker, or non-sustainable pasta which was more expensive, but you didn't need as much. We had only two visits to a shop to buy equipment for the tower. This showed us how quantity surveying works and how structures of buildings need to be so they can stay up. The group with the tallest spaghetti and marshmallow tower and the cheapest budget won a prize. The tallest was 87cm high!

After that they gave us a talk about future careers in a large variety of engineering industries and showed us what qualifications you need to get these jobs, such as T-Levels and A-Levels.

Tobias : My thoughts on the Kier workshop was that it was helpful to let me know that jobs like these will be out there when I'm older. I also think it was nice to have a lesson different than usual and that it was creative.

Otilie: I think it was very fun and we learnt a lot. The team at Kier did a great job and all the people were lovely. I also liked how they show a lot of aspects of engineering through very engaging activities.





## London to Brighton bike ride for Harry Clapham

Dear Parent / Carer,

I'm doing the London to Brighton bike ride on 21 June. It is 54 miles and me and my friends Cat, Helen and Steve have been training hard to raise money to support Harry Clapham in his recovery from a serious spinal injury. Please support us by sponsoring us on the link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harryclapham?utm\\_term=j72gpVQ8D](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harryclapham?utm_term=j72gpVQ8D)

Thank you,

Bronwen Seaman

Finance Officer

## Vapes

**Vapes:** Schools across the city are continuing to report high numbers of young people using vapes, despite the ban on disposable devices. Lots of these vapes are illegally sold and delivered to young people following interactions with dealers on Snapchat or by visiting local shops. This week we wanted to draw your attention to the rise in illegal vapes and the dangerous substances that these devices can contain.

**THC Vapes:** Some people vape cannabis because they don't want to smoke it. But vaping an oil or other liquid that people think is cannabis is risky, and there have been several reports recently of people being hospitalised after doing so. Inhaling THC (the part of the cannabis plant that makes people feel 'high') can cause mental health problems. That's because it may be stronger than expected, or it may contain something much more harmful than THC like synthetic cannabinoids. The effects can be unpleasant and dangerous, especially when people have a few puffs quickly before they know how strong it is. Real THC vapes (legal in the USA) cost upwards of £60 and are not usually the ones sold on Snapchat.

**Spice/Synthetic Cannabinoids:** Vapes purchased from illegal sources have been found to contain synthetic and semi-synthetic cannabinoids. These have contributed to many overdoses in the UK. What are Synthetic Cannabinoids? They are artificial chemicals that act on the receptors in the brain. **Semi-synthetic cannabinoids** are chemicals derived from the cannabis plant but altered so that they end up being chemicals that do not occur naturally. There are dozens of these chemicals, some have similar effects to cannabis, some are very different, and some of them can be very harmful. **Spice** is a synthetic cannabinoid and has been found in illegal vapes that have made their way into schools. The following news reports highlight this issue:

[Vapes laced with spice drug sold to schoolchildren on Snapchat - BBC News](#)

[Spice: The prison drug now in our schools](#)



## Posters and Information



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – BACK TO SCHOOL 2026**

**School Uniform Sales During Our Busy Season**

Dear Parents/Carers and Schools,

Our busiest period of the year runs from **1st July to 14th September** as families prepare for the new school year.

To help ensure everyone receives the uniform they need, we would like to make you aware of some important changes to our service during this period.

**Please Expect Longer Waiting Times**

Due to reduced staffing levels this year and the high volume of customers we serve during the summer months, there may be:

- Longer queues both inside and outside the shop
- Increased waiting times for assistance and fitting
- Temporary shop closures during lunchtime if demand becomes exceptionally high

We appreciate your patience and understanding while our team works hard to serve everyone as efficiently as possible.

**We Strongly Recommend Ordering Online Where Possible**

To avoid queues and waiting times, we highly recommend that parents:

- Order uniforms online wherever possible
  - Select items to try on at home
  - Place orders as early as possible
- There is a 3 month time limit on exchanges providing any labels are still attached at the clothing is kept clean and not creased. This has been extended from 30 days to encourage parents/carers to purchase uniform earlier.

This will help reduce pressure on the shop and provide a more convenient experience for families.

**Online Order Deadline**

To ensure online orders can be fulfilled before the start of the new school term, please place orders by:

**20th August**