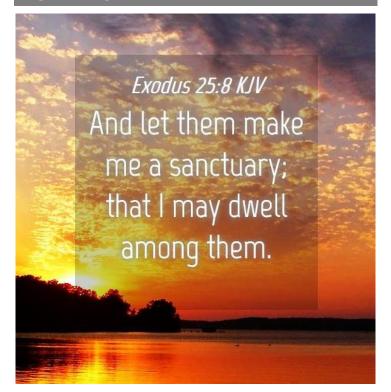


Headteacher's Update

No 169 4th March 2022

Theme of the Week: Architecture and Engineering



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a week which I am sure has shocked and saddened us all. The invasion of Ukraine continues to dominate our newsfeeds and our prayers. It is surreal and heart breaking to see pictures of the thousands of



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admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk refugees attempting to flee a European country, and to hear the voices of those who are staying to defend their homeland. We included some guidance in last week's Newsletter on speaking to your children about events in Ukraine. Many of our students have brought up the invasion with staff in school and we are aiming to acknowledge their emotions and to answer their factual questions where we can. We also included an invitation for the whole school to pray for the situation in our assembly this week. This is not an easy time for young people to be growing up and we are acutely aware of the challenges they face every day in negotiating their daily lives online and offline, and in making sense of a volatile and confusing wider world. Please be assured of our commitment to the holistic care of your children in our school; we will continue to do all we can to support them and to help them through a time of life when they are becoming increasingly aware of themselves and their place in the world. We welcome your prayers for school staff as we undertake this work. As we move into Lent this week we begin to reflect and to prepare for Easter. Please read on in the Newsletter for information on our plans for this season of Lent. I wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mrs Price

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 8 th March	• Tate Modern trip for KS4
	• Science Live trip for KS4
Friday 11 th March	Year 10 Southern Water talk

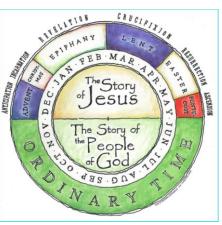
Visit of Dr Peter Kyle

The visit of our local MP, Dr Kyle, was postponed from Friday 25th February to Friday 25th March to enable Dr Kyle to meet with some students in school when his diary permits. We look forward to welcoming Dr Kyle later this month. In the meantime we were very grateful to Dr Kyle for recording an assembly message for us for LGBT+ History Month at the end of a busy day in Parliament! This was shown to students last week and appreciated by all.

Lent

On Wednesday this week we entered the period in the church calendar known as Lent. The word Lent, which originates from the West Germanic "langitinaz" refers

to the lengthening days of during springtime. For Christians, the season of Lent has more significance the that davs getting lighter although that is always welcome.



The period of Lent lasts for 40 days (excluding the Sundays in this time) between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. This reflects the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness praying and fasting before he began his ministry.

For Christians, Lent is traditionally a time of reflection, prayer and preparation; a time of waiting for the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter.

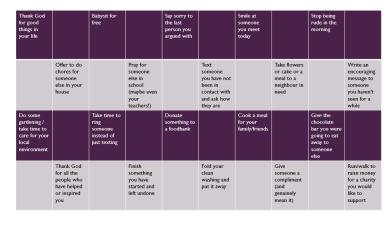
During Lent many Christians take the opportunity for self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter. This is one reason why many people think of Lent as a time of 'giving up' things. It is also traditionally a time of almsgiving (giving to others). So it is a time to consciously think about how to love those around you who are in need.

In her assembly this week, Mrs Vincent challenged students to consider Taking Up something for Lent. This could be a spiritual discipline, such as praying for others

or reading part of the Bible, or something that will benefit your relationships with other people, cooking a meal once a week for your family. (Mrs Vincent is going to Take Up drinking more water each day and praying for each student she teaches once a week).

Here are some of the suggestions we had about things we could take up - it might be 40 different actions, or one or two things at least once a week.

Perhaps you could discuss with your child what they might like to 'take up' during this Lent season.



Year 11 Mocks

Well done to our Year 11 students on completing your second round of mock exams this academic year. Students conducted themselves very well throughout the entire process, we are very proud of you all. Thank you to Mrs Lancaster for running this mock series.

Year 11 Prom

After a couple of years of being unable to celebrate the culmination of their time at Kings School, we can give Year 11 a wonderful send off with our school prom this year! On the 30th June, our Year 11 Prom will take place at the AMEX Stadium, with more information on price to follow. Students will be treated to a two-course meal and a DJ will spin the hits for students to dance the night away! We will also have a photo booth, funded by our brilliant PTA, so students can capture memories of the evening. So, get ordering your glad rags and get those dancing feet ready!

Reminder- Covid testing and attendance

A reminder that local and national guidance has changed as relates to Covid 19 and school attendance.

Your child should attend school unless they are not well enough to do so and, in line with current government guidance, this is also the case if they have Covid-19. It remains important for us to be able to identify and stop the spread of Covid-19 amongst our community however and we would ask parents/carers to support the safety of the school community as follows: If your child has Covid-19 symptoms, we strongly recommend that you test them to see if they have contracted Covid-19. The school no longer has tests that it can provide to you, so you should source tests through your local pharmacy.

If your child does test positive for Covid-19, the school strongly recommends that your child should remain off school for five days. On day six they should take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) followed by another the next day (day 7) and if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to school. If either of these tests are positive, your child should continue to take LFTs every day and not attend school until they have two consecutive negative tests. Siblings of children with Covid-19 can continue to attend school as usual, provided they do not have any symptoms. Please report anv absences to the school via attendance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Covid Vaccination

The next visit of the Covid vaccination team is Thursday 24th March. Vaccination will be available for students who have not had a vaccine before, or had a vaccine more than 12 weeks prior. **As ever, written parental consent is required and no students will be given then vaccine without parental consent**. To give consent, please fill out the online form by midnight Monday 21st March. If you have any questions about vaccination please contact the school immunization team. King's staff cannot comment on vaccination.

www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Covid

School code: SX139409

Vaccine enquiries team: 0800 433 4545 (open 9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays).

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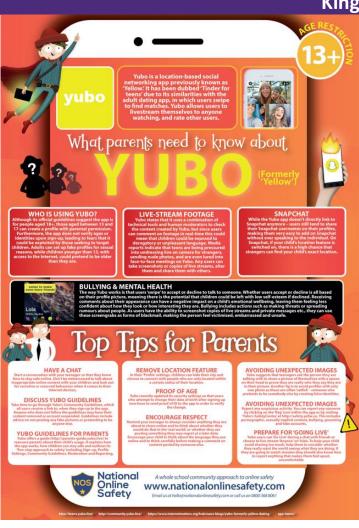
Safety and wellbeing

Yubo is a location-based social networking app which used to be called 'Yellow', and has been dubbed 'Tinder for teens' in the media due to its similarities with adult dating app, in which users swipe to find matches. You may have seen concerning stories in the media in the last week about young people being groomed and exposed to harmful content. The Times ran an extensive article showing that Yubo was rife with racism, sexual harassment and abuse and, despite this, its use is growing rapidly amongst secondary age pupils with an astonishing 4.7 million users. A reporter posing as a 15year-old girl found often users asked her for nude photos and suggested having sex. Many conversations also involved self-harm, suicide, and drug use. In order to ensure parents are fully briefed we have included a useful guide and links to further information and guidance on Yubo:

https://www.internetmatters.org/?s=yubo



If you have any questions regarding online safety, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Chamberlain or your child's Head of Year.



Attendance



Library volunteers

Thank you to the parents/carers and friends of the school who have offered to be volunteer librarians so far. We are very grateful for you! We are still welcoming any volunteers who would be interesting in helping out, ideally Monday or Thursdays after school. Please email <u>HR@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</u> for more information.

Invigilators

We are still accepting applications to join our invigilation team if any parents/carers or friends of the

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school would be interested in joining us. This is a great casual role and helps to facilitate one of our key tasks as a school.

Please see <u>www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/vacancies.php</u> for more information.

Design and Technology

Food

Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students have made puff pastry from scratch this week and used the pastry to make vol-au-vents. This is technical bake with great results.



Textiles

Year 7 have learnt how to use the sewing machine in textiles and passed their sewing machine driving test this week.



Student of the week

Students	dents of the week	
Year 7	Alfie C	
Year 8	Esther G	
Year 9	Vagelis N	
Year 10	Freddie W	
Year 11	Jessica F	

Sports Round-up!

Boys' Football

Year 9: Last week our Year 9 boys' team journeyed over to play Cardinal Newman who have been a strong team in the past. Our boys were well organised and had covered the strong players that Newman had on the day very well. Finn W who has been strong all season so far had another great game at centre back, Bitar R received a late call up and was fantastic in his first game, not giving their winger an inch. Stand out performances came from Sam C with 1 goal and Ollie D, who has also impressed in our very strong Year 10 side, finished with 2 goals and was absolutely everywhere.

Year 10: It's been a while since the boys have had a game due to various cancellations though they have remained on top of the league and await a final with PACA which is yet to be scheduled. These boys have been fantastic, showing great leadership and representing King's extremely well.

Year 8: Our Year 8s made the trip over to Blatch on Tuesday to play their league Hove derby. In what were trying conditions, the boys had their best chance of coming away with a strong win having started the first half well. Unfortunately Blatch got on top during the second half and finished the game strong with 4 goals resulting in a 0-4 defeat. Strong performances again from Brean P who held his own against physically strong Blatch midfield and Jo S in goal was kept very busy with a few excellent saves.

Girls' Football

Last week we ran a girls interhouse competition where we had around 20 girls representing different forms across the school. The matches were very tight and group stage ended up a draw between three tutor groups. We then had a 3 way penalty shootout and after 5 sudden death penalties the forms were still tied so Mr Cornell finished up there and called it a sporting draw! Well done to forms: 7C, 7E and 7R.

This week we had our first Year 7/8 girls' football match v PACA. For a lot of girls it was their first match and were playing on the big 11 v 11. King's took the lead early on after a great through ball by Silvie which Alice ran to and cooly slotted past the keeper. The game went from end to end with King's missing some chances to score while PACA created chances of their own and scored 2 quickly. In the second half King's got back to 2-2 with some good passing and Bonnie scored with a smart finish in the corner. PACA then grew into the game and showed their experience with some nice passing moves and eventually scored a couple more goals with the score finishing up 4-2. The girls played really well considering for a lot it was their first game and fantastic to have 16 girls available to play.

Year 10/9 Rugby

Year 10s had their first game against BACA this week and dominated the game winning 6 tries to 2. Zac scored a breakaway try in the first minute by kicking the ball through and chasing on to it over the try line. BACA then took the lead with their size advantage down the hill proving a trouble to our defence. In the second half we made some big tackles, rucked well and kept our discipline leading territory in their half and lots of attacking opportunities which results in 5 more tries. Tries scored by Louis, Jack, Alfie and Nick. A brilliant first game, especially considering that for a lot of the team this was their first game in two years.

Hangleton Way

Please can all parents and carers help to keep our school safe by not parking or pulling up in the immediate area outside the school/Hangleton Way. Parking and pulling up this close to the school puts our students at risk. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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PTA Events

Upcoming events from the King's School PTA:

- 28th April 2022 PTA AGM.
- 24th June 2022 Parent/Carers walk and talk. Parents/Carers to meet in the school playground at 9.30 and walk in the local area around school, returning to school for refreshment and uniform sales.
- 1st July 2022 Uniform sales on induction day from 1pm.
- 5th September- 6th September 2022 Honesty uniform sales in the main reception.
- 15th September 2022 Colour Run.
- November/December 2022 Christmas hampers.

The PTA regularly accept donations of disposable cups, refreshments and packaging suitable for sweets. They are always looking for match funders, if you would like to offer this support please contact the PTA on pta@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.



Debate Club

Debate Club is trialling a new time! If you would like to come and have a debate, we will be meeting in RP2 at 3pm - 3:30pm on Thursday 10th. This week's motion is: 'Can a dictatorship ever be justified?' All year groups are welcome. Year 7 students were given the challenge of learning the 10 Commandments Rhyme to help them remember all the Commandments in order. These students, as well as Evie-Grace M and Madeline B-S, all managed to learn it by heart and perform it in front of their class. Well done!



National Offer Day

Tuesday 1st March was National Offer Day for Year 6 pupils receiving their Secondary School places. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort in September of this year!

Brighton Met Open Events

Brighton MET - Central and East campuses Wednesday 9 March 5-8pm

Open event information: https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/open-events-2021-22

Booking is not essential but it helps MET to have an idea of the number of visitors they are expecting: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSep-</u> pl5o08VJ1NIncSqDwwud_uAwo1l0TdvsrLsFxOAl2aDcA /viewform

Speakers for Schools

Broadcasts are a great way for students to hear directly from leading figures from a range of industries, and have the opportunity to ask questions via a moderated Q&A. Speakers for school provide live and recorded broadcasts for students to participate in. Watch prerecorded broadcasts from the library <u>here</u>. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Monday 7 th March 2-3pm
Speaker	Broadcast in partnership with #Merky Books and HSBC, Niran Vinod and Damola Timeyin, writers of 'How to Build It'
	For KS4-5/S4-6
Info	Join us for a broadcast with Niran Vinod and Damola Timeyin, authors of 'How to Build it'. They will be discussing their experiences of building a brand, how to unlock your potential and turn your side hustle into a real opportunity. Click here to register

Date	Tuesday 8 th March 10-10:45am
Speaker	International Women's Day Broadcast: CeCe Sammy, Vocal Coach & TV Presenter For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	We are looking forward to hosting another broadcast with CeCe Sammy, this time for International Women's Day. CeCe will be speaking about what International Women's Day means to her, how to develop your confidence and the women who inspire her. Click <u>here</u> to register

Date	Tuesday 8 th March 2-2:45pm
Speaker	International Women's Day Broadcast: Ella d'Amato, Managing Director, Investment and CMO, True & Former Chief Commercial & Marketing Officer, Not on the High Street For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	We are excited to welcome back Ella d'Amato for another broadcast. Ella will be joining us on International Women's day to speak about the women who inspire her, the important advice she has been given throughout her life and career, and why it is important to celebrate International Women's day. Ella is looking forward to answering some more of your questions! Click here to register

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	Date	Wednesday 9 th March 10-10:45am	
	Speaker	National Careers Week Broadcast: Hospitality with Joanna Kurowska, Managing Director for UK and Ireland, InterContinental Hotels Group For KS3-5/S1-6	
	Info	Are you interested in working in the hospitality industry? Perhaps you already have experience of working in hospitality and want to learn more about where it could take you in the future? Join us for a broadcast with Joanna Kurowska, who started out working in hotels and has worked her way up to be Managing Director for UK and Ireland, at global organisation IHG Hotels & Resorts. Joanna is excited to share her industry insights with you and answer your questions! Click <u>here</u> to register	

Date	ursday 10 th March 10-10:45am	
Speaker	National Careers Week Broadcast: Careers in Law with Chris Daw, Queen's Counsel (Barrister) at Lincoln House Chambers and Millennium Chambers, author and broadcaster	
	For KS3-5/S1-6	
Info	Are you interested in a career in Law? Join us for a broadcast with one of the country's leading Lawyers, Chris Daw QC to find out what a lawyer does and the different types of lawyer you could become.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	



Kudize Club have been running our fun filled Holiday Clubs in Sussex for 6 years We are now branching out to our lovely friends in Shoreham by Sea with our brand new Beachside Holiday Club!

Taking full advantage of the stunning beach and lagoon right on the doorstep of the venue We'll be bird watching, landscape painting, playing and exploring!

Our staff are all playworker and childcare professionals who tailor our activities to be fun and child-led so all the children have a great day making news friends and learning new skills.

We have lots of fun planned so if you'd like to find out more or book please visit kudizeclubltd.com



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