

# Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Installation, repair and maintenance

"I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the LORD."

~Jeremiah 30:17 NIV

Dear Parents/Carers,

International Women's Day on Tuesday this week provided a good opportunity to reflect on our coeducational environment at King's and how we support our young women through their teenage years. We are fortunate to have many women on the staff team in

positions of seniority and a plethora of role models for our female students. A candidate who was visiting King's for a teaching interview this week remarked on how pleased she was to have been interviewed by an all-female panel of three senior staff from the school and the Russell Education Trust and how rare this had been in her experience of applying for teaching positions in the UK and abroad. I am proud to say that the all-female composition of the interview panel had not even been noticed by us prior to her comment; it's very much just how the school is that it is commonplace for interview panels to be entirely female. I hope that you had a good day celebrating the females in your life and those who have inspired us through their lives and work. It was wonderful to see more trips going out from school this week; thank you to all the staff who work tirelessly to make such enriching trips possible and thank you to you all for supporting our enrichment opportunities. As we move into spring, and look forward to the summer months, we are excited about the Enrichment Days and events still to come this academic year.

Have lovely weekends,

Mrs Price

**Forthcoming Events** 





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Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Mai

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 10 Mosque trip
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 11 art mock
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 10 Mosque trip
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Hamilton and Small Island
	theatre trips (after school)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Red Nose Day

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### Ukraine

I am sure that events in Ukraine continue to horrify us all. We have been speaking to students in school, as they ask questions and raise the issue of the Russian invasion in classrooms. I have prepared an assembly on the invasion which will be shared with students next week in tutor times. The assembly covers what is happening in Ukraine, the impact of the fighting on Ukrainian people, and the response of western countries. It also gives students an opportunity to reflect on how events in Ukraine may be impacting them emotionally and how they might respond. The assembly allows an opportunity for prayer for the people of Ukraine and for quiet reflection. I have of course been sensitive in selecting information to share and in selecting images and stories of individual Ukrainians and Russians to put before students. I hope that this assembly helps to inform students and gives them an opportunity to process some very difficult and shocking events.

Mrs Price

### **Uniform Review**

Thank you to parents/carers, students and staff who completed our survey as part of the uniform consultation earlier this term. This week we conducted focus groups with some of our respondents to get further feedback on what works well and what could be developed in our policy. These were very productive and we are grateful to everyone who took part. The next stage of the process will be for the governors to review the findings of our research and decide any actions to be taken. We hope to be able to share these with you after the Easter break.

# Road Safety

We are writing this week to raise awareness of road safety following reports from members of the public after two pupils from King's were very nearly hit by cars. In both instances pupils ran across main roads, without checking first, causing cars to brake suddenly. We will continue to monitor the road directly outside of King's and have staff on duty there, but we recognise that many pupils cross many roads on their journey home.

We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes this weekend to speak to your child about staying safe when travelling to and from school. There are a number of good resources produced by Think that may help you in your conversations: Think Road Safety Resources

### King's School Fund



# SEND HUB

Please be aware that the SEND HUB opens at 8am Monday to Friday. Students who access the SEND HUB in the mornings and arrive on site before 8am should wait in the canteen until the SEND HUB opens. The canteen is relatively empty and quiet at this time of day.

### Attendance



# Sports Round-up!

### Netball

Our Year 7 netball team competed in the city wide netball tournament which was held at Patcham on Tuesday. They won all four of their pool games - beating Stringer, Patcham, Longhill and PACA. The girls then went onto beat Stringer's other team in the quarter finals. They finally came up against a very strong Newman team, losing 5-4 in the semi-final.

The girls finished up 3rd out of 15 teams - one of our best netball results.

### Tate Modern Trip

On Tuesday the GCSE Art students visited the Tate Modern in London. They were fortunate enough to see an exhibition by Lubaina Himid as well as touring the remarkable collections of modern art which form the permanent collection. Mr McCardie led the trip accompanied by Miss Jones and Miss Woods. This was a unique cultural experience and we are delighted to be able to continue to offer trips which enrich our students, especially at this unsettled time. Well done to the students who conducted themselves sensibly and safely in the capital. Huge thanks to the staff accompanying them and the Finance team who make these trips happen.

Mrs Grosvenor

Head of Arts

"Going to the Tate was a really amazing experience. Seeing so many styles of art really inspired me to see the way different artists respond to different subjects such as war." - Lottie Year 10





### Equipment reminder

Parents/carers are asked to support the school by ensuring that their child has all the necessary resources for learning with them each day. A reminder that the core equipment list is:

- Blue/black pen
- A spare pen (or spare cartridges if you have a fountain pen)
- Pencil case
- 2 Pencils and a sharpener
- Eraser
- 30cm ruler
- A pair of compasses
- A protractor
- A set of coloured pencils
- A glue stick
- Calculator (preferably Casio 83GTX or 85GTX)

Bringing these items saves learning time and also helps the school save money by not having to supply or replace core items. Thank you for your support.

### **Red Nose Day**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is red nose day for Comic Relief. To raise funds and awareness, students are invited to wear red socks or an appropriate red accessory (e.g. hair tie, scarf) in return for a £1 donation. Donations can be made via ParentPay as of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March via this link:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7542.

We are also asking students and staff to submit their favourite joke to Mrs Vincent via the linked form on ClassCharts <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/D2tAMqRezg">https://forms.office.com/r/D2tAMqRezg</a> by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Students can record themselves telling their joke or submit it in writing. The best jokes will be shown tutor times on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



# Appointment notice

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Kang as a permanent member of the English department, starting in July this year. Many students will know Mr Kang, who has been with us initially as a literacy intervention teacher and more recently whilst completing his teaching qualification. Mr Kang has established himself as a well loved part of the department and we are very happy that he will be staying with us once his training is complete. In addition, we are happy to say that we have also appointed Miss K Rusmby as our new second in department for English, starting in September. Miss Rumsby joins us with significant experience overseas and in England. Both of these appointments are related to the growth of the school, adding capacity to the English department as our student roll continues to grow.

We are currently advertising vacancies for:

- Head of DT and Food
- Teacher of Music with Cover Supervision
- Exam Invigilators

Full details can be found on our website www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/vacancies.php

Parents/carers are encouraged to share these with any contacts who may be interested and appropriate.

### Student of the week

Students of the week	
Year 7	Oliver S-N
Year 8	Ethan M
Year 9	Isobel P
Year 10	Nicholas B
Year 11	Mirela M

# Safety and Wellbeing

March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day and so this week we are sharing a fabulous project, *The Female Lead*. Edwina Dunn started The Female Lead as a campaign that celebrates women's stories, and showcases the lesser-known successes of women, in order to support and encourage the next generation. Edwina created The Female Lead to work across a variety of platforms; through short films, a book of 60 remarkable women donated free to 18,000 UK and US schools, social media content reaching over two million followers worldwide and an educational programme in over 1000 schools. Volume II of the Female Lead book fits very closely with our school ethos and is subtitled 'We rise by lifting others'.



You can access all of the content through the website, but do take time to watch some of the videos from amazingly inspirational women:

https://www.thefemalelead.com/videos

Another brilliant piece of research, entitled *Disrupt Your Feed*, encourages women to disrupt the flow of negative images and unattainable ideals by following some great female role models. You can find out more about the *Disrupt Your Feed* initiative here: https://www.thefemalelead.com/disrupt-your-feed



International Women's Day

This Tuesday was international women's day, a day to celebrate the achievements of women across the world and continue work towards gender equality. Click here for a brief history of international women's day: https://youtu.be/0PzWnljCpL0

### PTA Events

Upcoming events from the King's School PTA:

- 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 PTA AGM.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 Uniform sales on induction day from 1pm.
- 5<sup>th</sup> September- 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Honesty uniform sales in the main reception.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 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 pre-recorded broadcasts from the library <a href="here">here</a>. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2-2:45pm
Speaker	Insights into working in TV and Film with Patrick Spence, Creative Director, ITV Studios & Former Head of Drama, Tiger Aspect and Former Managing Director, Fifty Fathoms
	For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	We are excited to host a broadcast with the Creative Director of ITV Studios! Patrick will be sharing his insights into working in Film and TV and will be reflecting on his successes and challenges. Patrick is really looking forward to answering your questions.
	Click <u>here</u> to register

Date	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 10-10:45am
Speaker	Steve Hewitt, Executive Chair, Gymshark
	For KS4-5/S4-6
Info	Steve joined Gymshark in June 2014 as an external advisor, before becoming CEO the following year & overseeing the company's growth from £4M to £400M turnover in his 6 years in role. Before joining Gymshark, Steve held several senior executive positions at Reebok, most notably as Commercial Director for the EMEA region.  Click here to register

Date	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2-2:45pm
Speaker	Sasha Morgan, Director, Social Mobility Commission
	For KS4-5/S4-6
Info	Sasha has held a number of roles in the cultural and policy sectors. Sasha is passionate about creative education and believes that the arts are an important tool to allow young people to unlock their potential. Sasha will be speaking about her role at the Social Mobility Commission and will be sharing her life lessons.  Click here to register

Date	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2-2:45pm
Speaker	Green Skills Week Campaign: Allison Ogden-Newton OBE, Chief Executive, Keep Britain Tidy  For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Are you motivated to make a difference and improve environmental awareness? Perhaps your school is already involved in the Eco-schools programme! Join us for a broadcast with Allison Ogden-Newton OBE, Chief Executive, Keep Britain Tidy to learn about their campaigns and how you can get involved.  Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to register

Date	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 10-10:45am
Speaker	Neurodiversity Week Broadcast: Dr Chris Arnold, Creative Partner & Founder, Creative Orchestra Advertising & Piers Roberts, Founder and Director, Riskkit
	For KS4-5/S4-6
Info	Join us to learn about neurodiversity and how it is a desired talent by a growing number of firms. Chris and Piers will also share some of their personal experiences throughout school, college and work.
	Click <u>here</u> to register

Date	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 10-10:45am
Speaker	Careers in Healthcare Science with Fiona Carragher, Director of Research and Influencing, Alzheimer's Society
Info	For KS4-5/S4-6  Do you love science? Are you passionate about helping people? Join us for a broadcast with Fiona Carragher to learn about how you can combine the two in your future career. Fiona will also be sharing her advice on the importance of keeping an open mind for opportunities!  Click here to register















Next week is **British Science Week**, a chance to find out more about where STEM subjects can take our students. As part of this, we will be running some **schoolwide competitions**, hands-on **pop-up science activities** and looking at **smashing stereotypes** in lessons.

We'd love for our students and families to take part at home too. We'll be sending out some instructions for DIY science challenges which you can try in your own time.

We'd love to see what you get up to!

### Monday Moss Safari

Find out more about microscopic animals that grow in strange conditions.

Science 3 (Year 7/9 lunch)

### <u>Tuesday</u> Autonomous vehicles

Come and code a Lego Rover and see what we can do with a few sensors.

Science 5 (Year 8/10/11Lunch)

# Friday Pop-Up Science

Join us on the courtyard as we carry out some science demonstrations

Courtyard Year 8/10/11 Lunch



