

# Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Arts, Culture and Entertainment



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the emerging signs of spring this week as much as we have in school. This time of year is lovely up on our site and the dry, bright weather enables students to make the most of their recreation time. It remains a very busy time of year in school. Year 11 have been receiving feedback on their mock exams; as a cohort we are very pleased with their progress and their clear commitment to achieving the best possible grades this summer, in spite of all the Covid disruption they have had to manage. Year 10 students are working hard in the run up to their mid-course exams which begin as soon as we return from the Easter break. These provide a good snapshot of student attainment at this mid-point point in their GCSE courses. Students in Key Stage 3 continue to impress us in classrooms and in their enthusiasm for life in school and all the extracurricular opportunities they are presented with. Staff have been so grateful for the return of trips and visits. We always aim to be inclusive in our trips offer and to ensure we offer a good range of local, inexpensive trips and more extravagant trips further afield. This week we had good examples of both, with local RP curriculum trips for Year 10 to Worthing Mosque, and trips up to London to see 'Small Island' at the National Theatre and 'Hamilton' in the West End. I was especially jealous of those who got to see Hamilton! Thank you for your continued support of our extracurricular programme and trips offer. These experiences give students so much in terms of

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#### **Forthcoming Events**

Thursday 24th Bassala	_	Charles Carriel 40
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	•	Student Covid-19
		immunisations
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	•	Visit from Peter Kyle MP
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> and	•	Geography fieldwork
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		

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enhancing their knowledge, cultural capital and enjoyment of being a secondary aged school student.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Mrs Price

### Ukrainian Refugees Support

Heads of Year will be talking to students in assemblies next week about a scheme we are supporting to collect supplies for Ukrainian refugees feeling to Poland. Students are being asked to bring in donations of any of the following items by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April:

- Simple children's toys (without batteries etc), suitable for children under the age of 10;
- New women's and children socks and underwear;
- Baby formula 0-12 months;
- Shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo;
- Baby wipes;
- Baby nappies (all size);
- Children's spring clothes, including light coats and track suits;
- Female sanitary products.

Students should take items to be donated to the finance office. These will be gathered and collected by a local church who have a Pastor in Poland, working on the ground and ready to receive them. If students want to support Ukrainian refugees financially we are advising that they donate to the DEC Ukraine Appeal: <a href="https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=EAlalQobChMliYOJhu7">https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=EAlalQobChMliYOJhu7</a> K9glVB5ftCh15xA2SEAAYASAAEgKrw D BwE

# 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:

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 five they should take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) followed by another the next day (day 6) 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 any 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).

If your child has Covid-19 symptoms, we strongly

# King's School Fund



#### Southern Water

Year 10 scientists were lucky enough to attend a talk from Iain McAuley, CEO of Souther Water. Iain, and his colleagues, discussed their work in the water industry as well as the experiences that have led to their current positions working in engineering and the environment. It was an informative and open discussion and the Year 10 were excellent ambassadors for the school, listening intently and asking challenging questions. I hope this experience has shown the variety of careers in the sciences as well as the variety of pathways that can lead to work in this field.



International Day of Women and Girls in Science - competition results

We were delighted to receive many fantastic entries to this competition from students in Year 7 -10. It was incredibly difficult to choose winners as the standard was so high. All students who entered will be awarded achievement points for their efforts. After much deliberation, we are pleased to announce the following winners and runners up:

<u>Year 10</u>

Winner - Joseph S

Runners up - Lottie L, Bella G, Arthur H

Year 9

Winner - Joanne G

Runner up - Thea V

Year 8

Winner - Edith M

Runner up - Kitty D

The standard of entries from year 7 students was excellent and as such we have chosen two winners, two runners up and several 'highly commended' entries.

Winners: Matilda B and Lyra H

Runners up – Riley C, Keren N

Highly commended: Isabella S, Connie P, Luka M, Joshua R, Robert S, Izzy S, Maddie S, Madison S, Martha H, Timo

Prizes will be awarded next week and the posters and presentations will be displayed in the science corridor. Special mention must be made of Matilda B who produced an informative, creative and moving video about the life and achievements of Rita Levi Montalcini. Well done once again to everyone who submitted an entry to this competition.

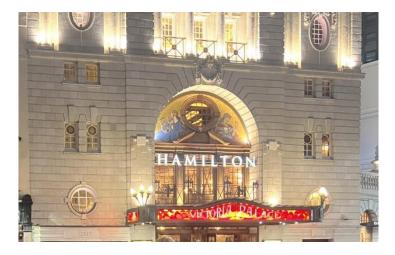
#### Hamilton

43 Year 9 History students travelled to London on Thursday to see the production of Hamilton. Students were an asset to school as always and took the quick dash of train change with grace and ease.

The show was spellbinding and is described by our students as 'Outstanding', 'Incredible' and 'Fun'!

The 2.45 hr long show encompassed the story of the American war of independence and creation of its constitution through the life of a forgotten founding father, Alexander Hamilton. Students were educated through music, production, hip hop and rap. This trip

consolidates the History Heroes club's study of the Hamilton and interpretations of his life and work. A really wonderful way to end their study around this topic.



# Sports Round-up!

#### Let's Dance at the Dome

Well done to our group of KS3 students who took part in Let's Dance at the Dome yesterday evening. They all did amazingly well and represented the school brilliantly.



#### **Sussex Cross Country**

Our Year 7 and 8 cross country teams took part in the Sussex Cross Country last week. All students should be congratulated on competing and finishing the course and representing King's so well. Particular mention to Felix, Herbie (Year 7) and Alex (Year 8) for coming in the top 20 of their races and go on to represent Sussex at the Inter Counties Cross Country in Essex next weekend.



#### **Year 8 Netball**

Our Year 8 netballers were outstanding earlier on this week.

They competed in the city wide tournament - winning 5/6 Pool A games. They beat PACA, Longhill, Stringer, Blatch and Patcham. The girls lost their final game to Newman 1-0.

Competing in the A League Pool was amazing in any case, but to come 2nd out of 12 teams, was such a fantastic result.

Results aside - these girls are talented, kind and consistently respectful to their competitors.

#### Ferris W

Congratulations to Ferris W (Year 9) for performing a comedy set at the Komedia last Monday. He was performing alongside members of the Kid's Club in Hangleton and was all in aid of charity. We are



immensely proud of Ferris for being brave enough to do this and for services to the community. Well done!

### Dinner money reminder

Please ensure your child's ParentPay account is topped up if you would like them to purchase from the canteen at break and lunchtime. Over the last few weeks we have seen a rise in students needing to call home to have their account topped up. Please can parents ensure that accounts are topped up before students come to school.

# Lost Property

Over the last term we have had the below coats handed into lost property. If one of these is your child's, please could you tell them to collect it next week as we will be donating any left after next week to charity.



# Musical Success!

Kay Wah (Year 8) participated in the Springboard Brighton and Hove Performing Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday last week, achieving a first place and a distinction. He also made it into the junior championships which only had 6 places available, well done Kay Wah!



# Easter Holiday HAF 2022

HAF is funded by the Department for Education and is for those aged 4 to 16 who are in full-time education and receive benefits-related free school meals.

The Local Authority work with a range of community organisations and playscheme providers to offer children and young people a programme of free activities during the school Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday. This includes sports, arts, music and personal development.

The children and young people also receive a free healthy and tasty meal as part of their day.

To view the activities schedule for Easter please <u>click</u> <u>here.</u>

# Safety and Wellbeing

Some of you may already be aware of the award-winning radio series <u>Raising Teens</u> which is made here in Brighton and Hove. Raising Teens is a warm-hearted and honest round-table discussion about parenting teenagers and teen mental health. It is hosted by presenter Guy Lloyd and includes teens' own stories from Make (Good) Trouble's young reporter Lola Ray. Her teen stories are surprising, thought provoking and often delightful. The show aims to bring those involved in raising teens together to dispel myths around teen mental health and offer practical help and tips. There are now four series of Raising Teens, all accessible via the following link:

http://www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk/our-work/raising-teens/raising-teens-series-one/





Alongside the radio show, you can also access excellent advice and guidance via their dedicated Help and Advice directory and through the video bank: <a href="http://www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk/help-advice/">http://www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk/help-advice/</a> and videos <a href="http://www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk/videos/">http://www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk/videos/</a>

#### Year 10 Mosque Trip

Year 10 students were given the opportunity to visit a Mosque in Worthing this week. The Imam gave the students some insight into Islam, the life of an Imam and the features of a mosque. Students were invited to ask questions and the Imam stated that our students asked the best questions he has ever been asked during a school tour. Islam is one of the religions students study at GCSE and this trip helped students gain concrete examples of concepts they have learnt about in lessons. The RP department is passionate about providing enriching experiences for our school community and are looking forward to running the next trip for Year 7 students to a Synagogue in Hove.



# Student of the week

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Year 7	Lyra H		
Year 8	Joy D-R		
Year 9	Eddie B, Sophia S		
Year 10	Reiss B		
Year 11	Letty I		

#### Holi

Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life. It's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water.

Holi is also known as the "festival of colours".

Holi marks the arrival of spring and the end of winter. It is usually celebrated in March.

In 2022 Holi will begin on Friday 18 March.

Holi also celebrates the Hindu god Krishna and the legend of Holika and Prahlad.



# Year 10 mocks

Year 10 mocks will run from the 26th April (second day back after the Easter holidays) for a week until Tuesday 3rd May.

An exam timetable will be issued shortly and teachers will be sharing the exam details with students. Please encourage your child to begin to think about revision from now and to plan to do some revision over the Easter holidays if possible.

#### **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

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

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
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 here to register

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Date	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 10-10:45am
Speaker	Green Skills Week: Katie Brill, SVP Global PR and Comms, Junk Kouture  For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Join us for a broadcast with Katie Brill, former contestant and winner of Junk Kouture with her design made from orange peel 'ReJuicing is Appealing' in 2012 and now part of the Junk Kouture team as SVP of PR and Communications. The experience was life-changing for her and helped her build confidence, problem-solving skills and knowledge of circularity. She is now committed to expand the mission of Junk Kouture and inspire/empower more young creatives. Katie will be discussing the environmental and ethical issues surrounding the fast fashion industry.

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	
	For KS4-5/S4-6	
Info	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	

King's School HADO AR SPORTS After School Club Every Wednesday from 4 to 5 PM Venue: HMC Sports Hall, 34 Cowper Street, Hove BN3 5BN 6 Defend! "Run by very friendly organisers who were best out of HADO experience. My son is now very keen to play in tournaments!" Simone "I took my daughter to a session

Email or call 01273 030766 to book a half price taster session

last week, she's 10yrs old and

These sessions are suitable for ages 6-16

Organised by National Team Trainer and Sports Coach

absolutely loved it!" Eden

£10 pp per session

www.hado-events.com



'Absolutely great fun! My 10yr old

loved it, my 8yr old loved it and my

5yr old loved it... (as did the 30 something love it)" David

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