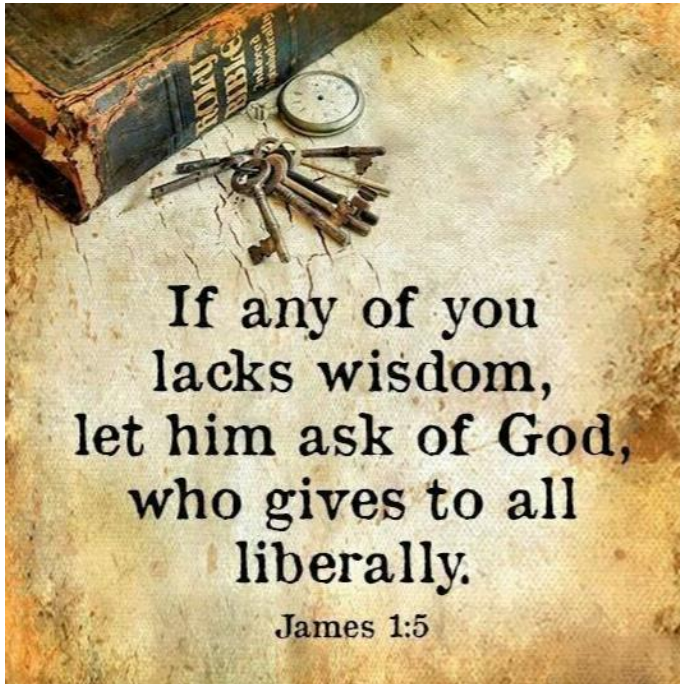


Theme of the Week: Contributing to Society



Dear Parents/Carers,

Advent calendars are being opened and it will not be long now before Christmas is upon us! I hope that you are all well and enjoying the start of the festive season. I am grateful to a parent who suggested that the school's weekly newsletters might be distributed to students through their school email accounts, as well as to parents/carers. This is a really good suggestion, and I

am pleased to say that students will now also receive the school newsletter to their email inboxes on a Friday afternoon. We are glad that so many of you find the newsletter informative and interesting to read. December is always a very busy month in schools and King's is no exception; we remain grateful for the opportunity to run Christmas events as normal, after the past few difficult years with covid. We are looking forward to our Carol Services next Wednesday and to the first Enrichment Day of the academic year next Friday, and we are also looking ahead to Christmas lunch and non-uniform day on the final Wednesday of term. In amongst the festive events, it is very much business as usual and students will be learning right up to, and including, the final day of term. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students are still attending school well, despite the inevitable seasonal colds; attendance is so vital to their well-being and progress as you will know. A reminder that we are here to support our whole school community; if you, or someone you know, is struggling financially this Christmas in the cost of living crisis please do not hesitate to reach out to us. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Price

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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol services
Friday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrichment day
Wednesday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-uniform day and Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
Tuesday 3rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET day
Wednesday 4th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of the Spring term

Final Day of Term

Our final day of term is Thursday 15th December. In line with previous final days of term, the day will run differently to a normal school day. The school will follow an amended timetable for the day as follows:

- All students to arrive at school for 8:30am as normal in full school uniform;
- KS3 students (Year 7, 8 and 9) will be dismissed from school at 12:25pm;
- KS4 students (Year 10 and 11) will be dismissed from school at 12:30pm.

Students will have tutor time, lessons, and a celebration assembly during the morning. All students will also have an extended, 30 minute brunch in place of their usual breaktime and students in receipt of free school meals will be able to spend their allowance on hot food during this time. Please be mindful that bus times will not be amended to reflect the change to the end of the day, and therefore students are encouraged to look up alternative bus timetables prior to the 15th December. All students should return to school for an 8:30am start as usual on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Please note that Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all students on this date.

Carol Service

This year we will be holding Carol Services on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th December at Bishop Hannington Church. Students will be walked from school to the church to attend a service and will be dismissed from the church. Alternative transport will be made for those unable to walk to the church. Further information on this will follow in a letter next week. Due to the capacity of the church, we are unable to welcome parents to these services this year. Please see Mrs Vincent's recent letter for further details.

Enrichment Day

Next Friday (9th December) is our first enrichment day of this academic year and all students will be off timetable completing alternative activities.

Year 7 Weald and Downland Museum

Students going on the trip should be at school for 8.15am in full school uniform and should go to the canteen to be registered. Students will need a packed lunch and will require a warm coat and sensible shoes as they will spend much of the day outside and it is due to be cold. The trip is due to arrive back at school for approximately 15.15. Please see the trip letter for specific details of the day.

Year 7 Dickens Christmas

Students should arrive at school for 9.00am in full school uniform. The students will be working in the English department where they will be completing a range of fun activities. Please note that the school day ends at 2.30pm on this date for those in school.

Year 8 Forensics

All Year 8 students will be completing a forensics day in the Science department. The students should arrive at school at 9.00am in full school uniform. They will be working in their tutor groups in the science labs completing a range of activities to slowly solve a crime! Please note that the school day ends at 2.30pm on this date for those in school.

Year 9 Careers

Students in Year 9 will be taking part in a careers day. It is an important time for Year 9 as they start thinking about their options for GCSE and beyond and we hope that the sessions will support them in making the right choice. Students should be in school for 9.00am in full school uniform. They will take part in a workshop in the morning where they will meet a number of people from a range of careers who will share their education and career paths to date. They will also complete an enterprise task and spend time finding out about careers on Unifrog. Please note that the school day ends at 2.30pm on this date for those in school.

Year 10 Options

Year 10 will be completing a range of activities based on their options. Activities range from a GCSE History revision day at Hampton Court to specific art and food

sessions in school. Students will be informed of their option and any requirements in advance of the day.

Students who are going on the Hampton Court trip should arrive at school for 7.45am. Please see the trip letter for specific details of the day. They should wear full school uniform but will need a warm coat and sensible shoes as they are required to spend some time outdoors. These students will leave Hampton Court by 13.00 and should arrive back by approximately 3.15. Please note that, for students not going on the trip, the school day ends at 2.30pm.

Year 11 Revision and Wellbeing

Year 11 will start their day completing the "Ace Your Exams" session with the award winning Elevate group. Last year's Year 11 found this session invaluable and we hope the current year group will get just as much out of the day. After break students will make two choices from a range of wellbeing themed activities ranging from Circuit training to Christmas crafts. Year 11 should find this an informative and fun day. Students should be in full school uniform and arrive at school for 9.00. Please note that the school day ends at 2.30pm.

Student of the Week

Students of the week

Year 7	Nikodem F
Year 8	Najwa B
Year 9	Nicholas S
Year 10	
Year 11	Joshua G

Upcoming sporting fixtures

Monday 12th December 3.15-4pm – King's School Interhouse Cross Country. This will take place on the school field after school. This is an opportunity for students to represent their house/form and also for selection to join the King's Cross-Country teams for races after Christmas.

Brighton Schools Cross-Country – Tuesday 10th Jan (Years 7-11)

Sussex Schools Cross-Country – Tuesday 17th Jan (Years 8-11)

Sixth Form Opening

The Sixth Form at King's will be opening in September 2023 and will accept both King's students and students from other local schools.

To apply for a place at King's Sixth Form for September 2023 please [click here](#).

Instagram: @kingsschoolsixthform

Twitter: @kingsschoolsix1

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 7 who hit our 96% attendance target this week – well done!

Christmas Events

Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of our outreach to our local community during Advent we have historically run a reverse Advent calendar, collecting items for Project Antifreeze, a project reaching out to homeless people in our city run by the charity Off the Fence. This year, we will continue to honour the work of **Off the Fence**, whose schools and youth team contribute in many ways to the life of our school. In addition, we would also like to support the work of **Fresh Start Community Association** whose Christmas Cheer Project provides hampers of food and presents to families and individuals facing challenging circumstances in the city. You can find out more about these projects on their websites here: <https://www.offthefence.org.uk/antifreeze>, <https://www.freshstartbrighton.org.uk/christmas-cheer.html>

For our reverse advent calendar this year we would like students to bring in donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items (particularly those that could go in a Christmas Hamper) or a new gift for an individual of any age. We will be collecting items between 28th November and 13th December. Items will be collected in

form rooms and gathered together at the end of term to be given to the charities.

We know that some families may be unable to make a contribution. If any student would like to participate but cannot provide an item, they would be welcome to collect an item to donate from Mrs Vincent's office. If you would like to make a financial donation, please do so through the ParentPay link in your child's account. Financial contributions will be split evenly between these two charities.

Need List for Antifreeze

Priority items:

- Deodorant (mens and womens / spray and roll on)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shaving Foam
- Bottles of Water
- Winter Gloves (Mens)
- Thermals (Mens / Womens / Unisex – all sizes)
- T-Shirts (Mens – all sizes)
- Ladies knickers (all sizes)
- Waterproofs (for clients – all sizes)
- Socks
- Scarves



Christmas Lunch and Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 14th December

On Wednesday 14th December students will have the opportunity to have a Christmas Lunch from our canteen. This will also be our non-uniform day to raise money for the two charities we are supporting through our reverse Advent calendar. Students may wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation and are strongly encouraged to wear a festive jumper and or socks. Donations can be made through the ParentPay link in your child's account.

King's School Fund

Raising money to enrich and expand our students' experiences.

Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kings-school-fund> or click on this image to be taken to the page.

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Free School Meals

If you have a child who is not yet on free school meals and may be eligible, you can apply here: [Free school meals \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

Anti-bullying week

We are delighted that the recent Anti-Bully Week raised £421.94 through the selling of wristbands and Odd Socks Day. Thank you for giving so generously, it is greatly appreciated. This money will be sent to the Anti-Bullying Alliance so they can continue their excellent work in supporting schools in the UK. Thank you also to Miss Staples who organised events throughout the week to raise awareness of the impact of bullying.

Revision Tip – Elaboration

This week's revision tip builds on what we were looking at last week - writing up notes. Elaboration is an important feature in extending our responses. Elaboration comes from the Latin 'ex' meaning 'out' and 'laborare' meaning 'to work, labour or struggle' as in 'to work out in great detail'. Elaboration is showing understanding of a topic by answering 'how' and 'why' questions.

Below are some sentence stems students could use to practise this:

- How does X work?
- Why does X happen?
- Why does it make sense that _____?
- Why is this true?

- Why is X true and not Y?
- When did X happen?
- What caused X?
- What is the result of X?

This is also a great strategy that students can use to practise self-explaining as they answer these questions. If they explain them to a partner, they would be teaching – another very effective revision tool.

Sporting Success

Year 7 Rugby

Year 7 had a last-minute fixture against BACA on Wednesday. The boys played very well to secure 10 tries against BACA.

As well as some great attacking runs, they defended well to ensure zero tries were scored by BACA. Some excellent tackling from both Arthurs and much respect for the rules of the game.

Tries scored by: Arty (2), Arthur (2), Matanios (2), Matthew, Martin, Ben and Huw.

They were extremely excited about the match and the result.

Year 7 Indoor Athletics

12 of our students took part in the annual indoor athletics event this week. Our girls squad came 7th out of 8 competing schools and our boys squad came a very impressive 2nd out of 8! Only a couple of points away from top spot. Well done all.

Community Games

On Wednesday 23rd November, we were able to run our first King's Community School Games event. The Community Games is an annual Primary School sport event, involving 10 of the local Primary Schools. We very much enjoyed welcoming Aldrington Primary, The Bilingual School and Cottesmore Primary onto site. We had nearly 45, very excited students enthusiastically taking part, with the overall winner of this event being the brilliant Bilingual team! We look forward to running the next sports tournament for our feeder schools next half term.

Historian of the Fortnight

Leanne is our reigning Historian of the Fortnight in 11B! Leanne has achieved this royal honour for her continued hard work not only in lessons but at home in her completion of homework. Her focus has enabled Leanne to achieve Grades of 7 in her recent mock she is applying herself more greatly. Leanne has shown the highest levels of resilience and perseverance this term to reach the goals she continually sets for herself. Her classmates have commented on her hard work and success. Definitely one to watch! Well done Leanne!



Toby is the first Historian of the Fortnight in Mrs Fleury-Beecham's class!

Toby is Historian of the Fortnight due to his hard-working approach to his studies. Toby completes all tasks to an incredibly high standard, attempts extension tasks and is a reasonable voice in class discussions. Toby is an incredibly conscientious student who not only pushes himself to achieve but takes real care in his focus on achieving targets set. Toby, you have shown incredible focus and determination with your History topics!



Chemistry Trip

Last week, a team of students from King's competed in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' competition. The event took place at Brighton College and our team were competing against nine other schools from the Sussex area. Our students had to complete a challenging practical activity and a multiple choice quiz in timed conditions. They completed both activities calmly and competently and I was impressed with their resilient attitudes. Even though they weren't the eventual winners, our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Safety and wellbeing: Vaping

We continue to receive reports from substance misuse agencies in the city and the NHS regarding the rapid rise in the use of vaping devices by young people. As a school, we have also experienced a rise in the number of pupils using vapes and wanted to write to you to outline our position on this matter.

Vaping products are now widely available on the high street but can also be purchased online through social

media apps. Selling vaping products to anyone aged under 18 in shops is illegal. Please be aware that vapes are widely available to young people, even though this is strictly against the law. In addition, there are now significant numbers of counterfeit products and these contain very high quantities of nicotine with 1 in 5 young people experiencing nicotine addiction. The World Health Organisation have consistently reported that vaping and e-cigarettes are harmful and you can read more about their findings in the link below.

As a school we do not recommend that any young person vapes. It is strictly against the school rules to vape on the school site or bring any vaping products into school. If we suspect that a pupil has vaping products with them, we will use the school's Searching, Screening and Confiscation Procedure to search bags and pockets. If vaping products are found your child will receive a serious consequence.

I have included a number of links below which you may find useful in conversations with your child about the use of vapes:

<https://www.who.int/news/item/05-02-2020-e-cigarettes-are-harmful-to-health>

<https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/lifestyle/e-cigarettes/e-cigarettes-just-the-facts/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/oct/29/what-are-e-cigarettes-and-are-they-safe>

[BBC - Rise in Teenage Vaping](#)

[BBC - Market Flooded with Unsafe Vapes](#)

[BBC - teenager addicted to vaping](#)



Winter HAF 2022

Funded by the Department of Education (DfE), HAF offers free enriching holiday activities with a healthy meal included.

Dates: Monday 19 to Friday 23 December, with a more limited offer between Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 December

Eligibility: Children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

The offer includes everything from playschemes to sports providers, and drama schools to family cooking sessions.

Get involved! Visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf to view the full events calendar and book directly with your chosen activity providers.

HAF booking codes:

A unique HAF booking code is required for each individual child.

- If your child took part in Summer HAF 2022, please use the same unique HAF booking code. You can ask for this to be resent by emailing HAF@brighton-hove.gov.uk with the full name and date of birth of the child

- Those who are new to HAF must first apply for their unique HAF booking code by visiting www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf

To ensure everyone gets the support they need, please only book what you know you will attend.

Please email HAF@brighton-hove.gov.uk with questions or for support.



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 [here](#). Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Monday 5 th December 10-10:45am
Speaker	Educating on TikTok with Dr Karan Raj, NHS Surgeon & TikTok Star For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Tune in and listen to our interview with Dr. Karan Raj about his career journey and how he became Tiktok famous! Using TikTok as a platform to inform, educate and spread awareness about many different topics, answering all those odd questions we wonder about. Click here to register

Date	Wednesday 7 th December 2-2:45pm
Speaker	My Career in Law with Peter Leathem, Chief Executive Officer, PPL For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Join us and we listen to Peter Leathem deliver a talk about his career journey – starting at school and moving up to when he became a CEO. Peter has had a long career in law and specialises in the music industry. He will also talk about how being a lawyer enabled him to develop a business career outside of the law. Click here to register



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