



Theme of the Week: Christmas



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into the Christmas break I would just like the opportunity to say thank you for your continued support of our school. I hope you are all able to enjoy a restful Christmas and that you will be able to approach the new year with peaceful and joyful hearts.

With my very best wishes for the festive season,

Mrs Price

Start of the Spring Term

A reminder that the 3rd of January is an INSET day and students are not expected in school on this date. Therefore, the start of term for students is Wednesday 4th January. Students are expected to attend ready for an 8:30am start as usual.

Buses

Please remind your child to bring their bus pass if they travel on the bus to or from school, or ensure they have adequate change for bus fare.

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Forthcoming Events

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
Thursday 5th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 12th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Parents' Evening

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle as this helps reduce the amount of waste the school produces through paper cups.

King's Sixth Form – Deadline Friday 13th January 2023!

Just a reminder that the deadline for King's Sixth Form is Friday 13th January. We would really love to encourage Year 11s to apply to be the first sixth form cohort at King's.

- Be known
- Outstanding Pastoral Support
- Small class sizes
- Excellent teaching and learning
- Leadership opportunities
- Bespoke careers and UCAS advice

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Coles at sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Apply here [King's School Hove \(ret.systems\)](#)

Instagram: @kingsschoolsixthform

Twitter: @kingsschoolsix1

Year 9 Options Evening

Year 9 Options Evening will be taking place on Thursday 5th January 2023 from 6-7:30pm. The purpose of the event is to give you and your child information about what content the options subjects cover and what studying them will be like. There will be subject teachers available to explain this in detail. Mr Stevenson will also be available to answer any questions. You are free to arrive at any point, although the event will close at 7.30pm, and we would strongly encourage you to arrive for 6pm if possible to attend Mr Stevenson's talk.

Student of the Week

Students of the week

Year 7	Alessio L
Year 8	Dillon T-N
Year 9	Lottie B
Year 10	Sam C
Year 11	Anya S

Time to Talk Christmas Cards

Well done to our students who made Christmas cards over the past few weeks for the Time to Talk campaign. Please see some of the amazing designs below.



Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 12th January 2023, shortly after we return from the Christmas break. This will be an online event and appointments with teachers will be held between 4:30 and 7:30pm as usual. Information on booking appointments will come out on our return from the Christmas break but, for now, please hold the date in your diaries. This will, of course, be a good opportunity to talk to teaching staff about your child's results from the first series of mock examinations held in late November, and what they need to do to improve before the second set of mock examinations in late February/early March.

Non-uniform day and Christmas lunch

The whole school enjoyed a non-uniform day and Christmas lunch on Wednesday this week. We were impressed with all of the Christmassy hats, jumpers and shirts! Thank you to our amazing catering team for running two services of Christmas lunch.



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.

Every donation has an impact on a student's education experience.

Thank you for your support



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MFL Christmas Holiday Challenge

Well done to all students who took part in the MFL Half-term challenge over the Autumn break. We loved seeing so many of you keeping up your language skills outside of term-time!

Once again, we want to make sure you've got some ideas of how to keep up your language practice this holiday in some fun and relaxing ways and earn some achievement points while you're off! Below is a selection of suggested tasks, please pick and choose! Achievement points will be awarded as follows:

- A1 = one task
- A2 = two tasks
- A3 = three tasks
- A3 + sweet = four tasks or more!

To evidence your task, please then send in any photos / reviews of tasks to your relevant teacher with the subject heading 'MFL Christmas Holiday Challenge':

- Ms Phillips: g.phillips@kingschoolhove.org.uk
- Mr Leach: g.leach@kingschoolhove.org.uk
- Ms Merieau: j.merieau@kingschoolhove.org.uk

A selection of photos may be put in the school newsletter (to show the school how awesome you are!) - please have your parent/guardian state if they are happy for your photos to be used in this way!

Task options:

- Research and choose ANY world festive tradition(s) different to the UK and celebrate this at home over the holidays! (e.g: Opening presents on 6 January for Epiphany (France), cooking a 'Roscón de Reyes' (Spain))
- Label the FESTIVE items in your house (if you have any) in another language (post-it notes are great!) and learn some new words.
- Watch a FESTIVE foreign film (or English-speaking FESTIVE film with subtitles in another language) with your household - look out for words you already know!
- Listen and find your favourite new non-English FESTIVE song!
- Join the Kings School-Wide Duolingo French class (code: bmtjhh) /Spanish class (code: xyhcnr) get some XP and compete with other year groups!
(If it's not too confusing, there's also more to choose from! Arabic: cpzvmn, German: dxzxs, Italian: tpvstv, Chinese: bwjyxu, and Japanese: ntwxna)
- Other: If you can think of another creative/fun/easy-learning task that you want to do as part of the festive holiday challenge, please let us know what you do so we can put it in the next selection of pick and mix options!

Safety and wellbeing: Support over Christmas

We recognise that the Christmas period can be difficult for many families and this is likely to be exacerbated by the current economic conditions. You will find below a list of services that may be helpful to you, or a family you may know, over the Christmas break. Our Pastoral and Safeguarding Teams are in school until we break up on Thursday 15th December so please do get in touch with them via the admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk should you wish discuss any matter with them ahead of the break.

Mental Health Support for adults and children: [Brighton and Hove Wellbeing Service - urgent support Samaritans](#)

Child Protection: [Childline Front Door for Families Brighton - if you are worried about a child](#)

Food banks: <http://www.brightonfoodbank.org.uk/>
<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/>
<https://bhfood.org.uk/>

Domestic Abuse: [Women's Gateway Brighton](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/adult-social-care/keep-people-safe/help-domestic-abuse)
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/adult-social-care/keep-people-safe/help-domestic-abuse>
[Rise - freedom from domestic abuse](#)

Alcohol and Drug Addiction: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/alcohol-or-drug-misuse>
<https://www.oasisproject.org.uk/>

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.

