



Headteacher's Update

No 237 8th December 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a lovely end to the term at King's with staff and students enjoying the festive activities. All our students have taken part in Carol Services, reflection time in the Advent Prayer Space, a fabulous Christmas Lunch, Christmas jumper day and the end of term awards assemblies. We were delighted to be able to present lots of students with their Bronze Star Awards and also recognise those who have embodied our school values of Love, Respect, Responsibility and Forgiveness. Those students who have done brilliantly to achieve 100% attendance were also presented with a certificate.

Theme of the week: Why is Christmas so important?

As we end this term, I wanted to thank you as parents for supporting us at King's. We strive to make the school high quality in every respect and deliver the very best education we can for your children. So many parents take the time to write messages of support to our teaching and support staff and I wanted to sincerely thank you for these as they do make such a difference. I would also ask that you remember in your prayers our wonderful colleague Mr Jenkins.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and are able to spend time relaxing together. Just a reminder that school re-opens for pupils on January 3rd as staff have INSET on 2nd January.

Mr Chamberlain

Thursday 14th December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January	Students return to school

Sixth Form

Applications are now open for a September 2024 start in year 12 at King's.

Key Dates for 2024 Entry:

- Friday 12th January 2024 – Application deadline (we do accept later applications, but use applications received by this date to plan course capacity and design our timetable);
- February 2024 – Internal and external students attend progression meetings to discuss their course options and their specific needs during their Post 16 studies;
- March 2024 – Provisional offers sent out via email.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information.

[Video for Parents 1: Choosing your sixth form courses | Resources | Net Sixth Form](#)

For any Year 11 student that is struggling with what subjects to study post 16, please see this helpful video to help you make your decisions. If you need further help in school, please do contact Mrs Coles at sixth-form@kingsschoolhove.org.uk who will be more than happy to have a conversation about options across the city and at our sixth form.

There is also a useful resource to help you decide your options across the city if you are struggling to decide where to go [Best Next Steps - Colleges and FE application portals \(padlet.com\)](#)

Student of the Week

Year 7	Otis G for the progress he has made this term.
Year 8	Lucy M for her work in History, the winter showcase and community carols
Year 9	Evie-Grace M for her great work in English and DT
Year 10	Kitty D-R for her great work in Drama, being top 15 in the Achievement Points and generally being a brilliant, inspirational Year 10 pupil
Year 11	Loui K-K for showing perseverance and resilience in Maths

Community Carol Service

Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods have worked tirelessly over the past few months to prepare our students and a community choir of staff and parents for a performance of Gaudete and the Hallelujah chorus by Handel. This was a joyous part of a wonderful evening at St Leonard's Church, Hove. The day before, they visited a nursing home in Worthing and sang carols for the residents, whilst sharing Christmas cards made by our students. Thank you to Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods for organising, and to the staff, students and parents/carers who took part.



End of Term Celebrations

Today we marked the end of the term with celebration assemblies for each year group. Students were celebrated for their achievements in attendance, achievement points and the bauble competition.

Tutors and Mr Chamberlain and Mr Stevenson awarded students who have gone above and beyond this term, in the tutor and Headteacher awards.

Well done to all students for a fantastic first term of this year.



Winter Showcase

The Winter Showcase is always a marvellous highlight of the school calendar and this year was no exception. Such a wealth of talent, from singers to musicians to bands, was on display in a packed evening of musical eclecticism! Congratulations to everyone involved. We hope you manage to rest fully over the holidays.

Mrs Grosvenor



Safety and Wellbeing Over the Christmas Break

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.

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>
[Rise - freedom from domestic abuse](#)

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



*** Save the dates for 2024 ***

College Open Events - 20th January | 16th March | 15th June

Future Fields STEM Event - Tuesday 2nd July | Wednesday 3rd July

Schools & Colleges Open House - Thursday 4th July

Yr 9 & 10 Taster Days - Monday 8th July | Tuesday 9th July

Departmental Competitions



King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in December are:

*English – Young Writers
Ghost Stories Challenge*

RP – Y8 Festivals Project

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

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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Winter HAF 2023



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is FREE to school-aged children in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Winter HAF provides a FREE activity club with a meal, with participants able to book up to one place per day over four days.

Book everything from sports, performing arts, coding, playschemes and more online.

[www.eequ.org/
brightonhovehaf](http://www.eequ.org/brightonhovehaf)



For more programme information go to:
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/HAF



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Christmas Holiday Consultation Line

Dear Parents/Carers,

Do you have a child or young person at school in Brighton & Hove?

If you have any concerns about their Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing you are invited to talk to a Primary Mental Health Worker or Education Mental Health Practitioner from the Schools Mental Health Service.

Telephone consultations are available over the Christmas Holiday.

December 19th, 21st, 22nd and 29th along with 2nd January

9am-12pm.

Please email SchoolsMentalHealthService@brighton-hove.gov.uk

You will need to send us your name and phone number, with a brief outline of your concerns, and a Primary Mental Health Worker or Education Mental Health Practitioner will call you back.

Whilst we aim to call back within two days, please be aware we may have a high demand, so your patience is appreciated.

Please note, this would not be in place of current services you may already be engaged with.

This is not a crisis number – if you require immediate support you need to contact your GP, call CAMHS duty care on 03003040061 or go direct to A&E

Eastbourne Theatres present

Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne

Carli Norris
as Malevolent

Tucker
as Potty Pierre

Martyn Knight
as Dame Dotty

Rebecca Vere
as Fairy Formidable



Katie Cochrane
as Belle

Brendan Hooper
as Jean James

Lewes Roberts
as the Prince

Written and Directed by Chris Jordan Choreography by Emma Woods Musical Direction by Carl Greenwood

RELAXED PERFORMANCE 9 Jan 2024

EASTBOURNE THEATRES
**DEVONSHIRE PARK
THEATRE**

Box Office: 01323 412000
Book online at www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk

Winter HAF 2023



SEND Family Fun Day

FREE for the whole family, where there is a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Reception to Year 11 who also receives benefits-related free school meals.

Join us for a
day of family
festive fun.

Monday 18 December
10am to 3pm

Moulsecoomb
Leisure Centre

*Please note an adult must accompany



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Learn more and book here:
[www.eequ.org/
brightonhovehaf](http://www.eequ.org/brightonhovehaf)

