



Theme of the week: Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Monday 22nd January	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Tuesday 23rd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 31st January	Year 9 Parents' Evening

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I reflect on our theme of the week—Cultural Diversity—I think back to an assembly which a number of our students contributed to last term. Students talked about places in the world where they and/or their family members were born. It was amazing to have time to think about the cultural diversity within our school community.

Our students and families in the Coptic community were finding joy in celebrating Christmas last weekend. The celebration, which takes place on 7th January, follows a fast of 43 days where Coptic Christians abstain from eating anything except plant-based and fish-based foods.

On Thursday evening we had a really purposeful Year 11 Parents' Evening. There were lots of positive discussions taking place about how our Year 11 students can be preparing for their exams. If you are a parent of a Year 11 student and were unable to attend Parents' evening, please do get in touch with your child's teachers if you would like some information about their progress.

Monday began with flurries of snow, which brought general excitement around the school. As our students optimistically left at the end of the day in the hope of gathering a snowball, I was reminded of how important it is to enjoy the opportunities for fun we have been given. This seems an especially important reminder in the depths of January, so I do hope you and your families are able find some time for joy over this weekend.

Mrs Vincent

Condolences for Mr Jenkins' family

We have now obtained two condolences books to be filled out and given to Ben Jenkins' family. There will be a book available for students to fill out with their memories, this will be placed outside of the pastoral area for students to visit at break or lunchtime. The book will be outside of pastoral until the 22nd January, and will be given to Mr Jenkins' family on 23rd January.

We also have a book for staff and parents to fill out. This will be in the small meeting room inside of the reception area from Monday. Parents and Carers are welcome to come in to write in the book during our opening hours of 8:30-4:30, and reception staff will be able to show you to the room. This will also be available until 22nd January, and will be given to Mr Jenkins' family on 23rd January.

Student of the Week

Year 7	Violet N for immaculate classwork in PSHE.
Year 8	Bertie N for engagement in lessons and asking good questions.
Year 9	Dylan S for his focus and effort in History this week.
Year 10	Billy G for going above and beyond helping tutor time and being a mature and supportive member of his form and community.
Year 11	Anoushka M for demonstrating resilience.

Weather Next Week

Snow showers are currently predicted in the north and east of the Country, there is uncertainty and varying predications about whether the cold conditions will become established in the south. Towards the end of next week some forecasts are predicting a mixture of very cold weather combined with sleet, snow and rain. It looks more likely that we will be limited to sleet on the coast, currently therefore we anticipate opening as normal.

As usual we will monitor the forecasts and develop a response as necessary. We will communicate to all parents and carers as follows:

The evening before a day when severe weather is forecast, we will email parents and carers asking them to check the school's website in the morning re any closure.

On the day of severe weather; we will take advice from the local authority and if we do need to close the school will notify parents and carers by 7am via email and will put a notice on the school website.

In the event of closure part way through day, we will notify parents via email.

If you have any questions please email head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Accident on Hangleton Way

Some parents and carers will be aware that there was a road traffic collision on Hangleton Way, directly outside of the school, on Wednesday this week. Unfortunately, this involved one of our younger students being hit by a car and the emergency services having to be called.

We have been communicating with the police on ways we think the road should be kept safer, especially at school opening and closing times. Alongside the police, we will be submitting our recommendations to the council on how road safety could be improved for us.

In the interim, we do have a few requests of parents/carers to keep our students safe:

- Please do not park outside of the school on Hangleton Way. There is other parking on the roads surrounding the area. Parking on Hangleton Way means students are more likely to cross the roads between cars, increasing the chance of them not being seen by an oncoming car. If your child has a disability and you need to park close to the school to pick them up, please contact head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk so we can arrange for you to utilise one of our disabled bays.
- Please adhere to the speed limit of 20mph on the road and surrounding areas. Just the difference between 20 and 25mph can make a huge impact to the injuries that are inflicted on a road collision victim.

As always, we thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

Theme of the Week

With our focus of the term being around Global Citizens, we have spent this week celebrating cultural diversity by highlighting the uniqueness of others. We have used Galatians 3:28 and Psalm 167:39 to discuss the idea of us all being not only equal in the eyes of God but being equally and wonderfully made. We also finished each tutor class with different cultural awareness quizzes – so your child may have picked up an interesting fact or two!



Young Writers Creative Writing—Competition Winners

Congratulations to Lyra B 7C, Lily M 7P and Elissia M 10R who all have been awarded certificates for their entries to the National Young Writers Competition.

Well done all!

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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

Departmental Competitions



King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in January are:

History – Y7 Christmas Homework Awards

PE – All Years Football

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

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HPV (Human Papilloma Virus)

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Monday 22nd January** to administer the **HPV (Human Papilloma Virus)** vaccination to students in Year 8. Parents and carers of Year 8 students will have received an email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for these vaccinations.

If your child is in Year 9, 10 or 11 and they have not had this vaccination and you would like them to have it in school, please contact the office via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk as soon as possible so that the consent form can be sent to you.

The online form is available for completion until 11am on Wednesday 17th January. If you miss this cut off date **it will not be possible to vaccinate your child in school on the day of the vaccination session.** The consent form will reopen one working day after the session, enabling you to submit a form for your child to be offered the vaccination at a later date, at a catch-up clinic.

Please note that in previous years this vaccination has been given in two doses, one in Year 8 and then a second one in Year 9. However the vaccination schedule has now changed and if a student has had one dose of the vaccination then they are considered fully vaccinated. It is therefore not necessary for students in Year 9, 10 or 11 to have a further dose of the vaccination if they had a dose in Year 8.

Please note that vaccinations will not be given without parental consent.

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at Preston Park
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Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

**Monday 12 – Thursday 15
February**

10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 –15

Levels 1 & 2 together is £40 per person.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is depended on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

To book your place, please contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



**Monday 12 – Wednesday 14
February**

1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 15

All children must have attended a Level 2 course and allow 3 months practice between levels.

All trainees will be assessed on Level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £45 per person.

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