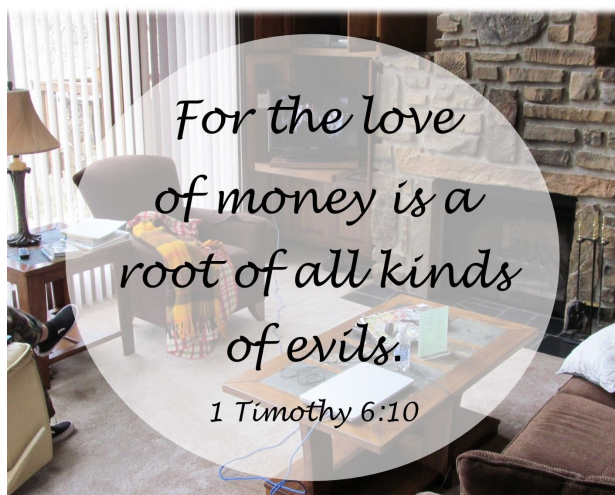




# Headteacher's Update

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## Theme of the week: Seeking Economic Equality

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head out of the darkness of January and into February—the month of transition between winter and spring—I hope you feel less like Benedick at the end of *Much Ado About Nothing*, reluctantly accepting joy with his “February face so full of frost, of storm and cloudiness” and more like the sentiment expressed by poets Katherine Harris Bradley and her niece Edith Emma Cooper (who wrote under the pseudonym Michael Field) in their poem *February (1893)*:

“Not yet sunshine, in the air;  
Tingling secrets hidden everywhere,”

There may not be sunshine in the air today, but I love the hope that the “tingling secrets” of spring offers.

I can't quite believe how quickly this half term has sped past. With one week to go to half term, here in school the stage is set for our production of *Grimm Tales* next week. We do hope many of you will be able to join us as we are led through some classic fairy stories by our wonderful cast and production team. On Tuesday we will be welcoming some Year 6 students as they become the first audience at the dress rehearsal. Whilst you enjoy your weekends, do spare a thought for our wonderful Arts team who will be leading the rehearsal this Saturday. Good luck to all our performers!

Mrs Vincent

Tuesday 6th to 8th February	School Production
Friday 9th February	Last day of half term Ski Trip

## Student of the Week

<b>Year 7</b>	Lola C for her efforts in extra-curricular sports.
<b>Year 8</b>	Ruby M for a nomination from Mrs. Fleury-Beecham for her work in history
<b>Year 9</b>	Lydia W for great work in English.
<b>Year 10</b>	Ernie D-G as he has settled brilliantly to his learning in Year 10.
<b>Year 11</b>	Jessica B and Harrison P for their services to the school play.

## Theme of the Week

Our theme for this week was 'Seeking Economic Equality'. We discussed some economic statistics in the UK and opened further discussion around what students would do to change worldwide financial distribution, as well as what they would do if given a blank cheque.



## Sixth Form

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

Key Dates for 2024 Entry:

- 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](mailto: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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

## Year 9 Boys' Football

Our Year 9 Boys' Football team beat Cardinal Newman A team 1-0 at home – in the history of King's we have never actually beaten a 'big' school A team so it is a huge achievement for them! Well done boys!

## ParentPay Debt

Please keep your child's ParentPay meals accounts topped up, and please do this in plenty of time before break and lunch - the tills are updated on the hour every hour.

## Year 7 Girls' Football

Our Year 7 girls' football team put in a fantastic performance on Tuesday against a strong team from Blatchington Mill. It was a hard-fought game with the final score line of a 6-2 loss not reflecting the girl's performance, determination and team spirit.

The Blatchington Mill team capitalized on the home pitch advantage going 4-0 up at half time. Keeping their heads up, the girls fought back in the second half and put in a solid performance with every member of the team giving 100%. A special mention goes to Sophia, who this week, gets player of the match for excellent play in three different positions during the match including excellent defence against a strong Blatchington Mill attack.

Our two goals came from great team play and were finished beautifully by Gabby. Our fabulous keeper, Erin, put in a strong performance making some fantastic saves denying many attempts at goal from a strong Blatchington Mill attack. Well done to all the girls' involved, they demonstrated great teamwork and never gave up.

*Match report by Belle S*

## Grimms Tales

Team Arts have been busy rehearsing for our production of 'Grimm Tales'. 'Grimm Tales' are the old fashioned versions of some of our best loved fairytales and we will be presenting four, 'Hansel and Gretel', 'Ashputtel', 'Little Red Cap' and 'Snow White', accompanied by original music, composed by King's students.

**Performances will take place on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February from 7pm in the main hall.**

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible to watch our talented students perform this piece they have worked so hard on. Tickets are available to buy through ParentPay.

The PTA will be present on all evenings, selling refreshments for you to enjoy at the beginning and the interval of the show. There is also a PTA raffle, tickets are available through ParentPay or you will be able to buy a ticket with cash on the night. Lots of great prizes up for grabs!

We look forward to welcoming you into the land of fairytales...

KING'S SCHOOL HOVE PRESENTS:

Adapted by Carol Ann Duffy,  
and dramatised by Tim Supple



# GRIMM TALES

Tuesday 6th February;  
Wednesday 7th February;  
Thursday 8th February;  
At 7pm.  
Main Hall

Tickets available on ParentPay.

This amateur production of "Collected Grimm Tales" is presented by arrangement  
with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Damuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

Poster credit: Ashley M, 11C

## Departmental Competitions



# King's School Hove



**Departmental competitions in February are:**

*Maths* – Y9,10 & 11 – UKMT

*RP* – Y11 Homework Projects

*Science* – International Day  
of Women and Girls in Science

**Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!**

## King's School Fund

Raising money to enrich and expand our students' experiences.

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

Thank you for your support



King's School Fund

## Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Administrator with SEND Admin
- Safeguarding Manager
- Teacher of RP
- Teacher of DT (with possibility of Head of Department responsibility)

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

## Climbing Competition

For our first climbing competition our students did incredibly well, placing 9th out of 19 schools in the under 16 competition.

Particular congratulations to Samuel V, Ernie D-G and Jonah M who were the top 3 from our school. Special congratulations to Samuel V who was our top scorer and got into 30th place out of 218 Under 16 competitors, an amazing achievement.

Considering that most of our students had climbed only once or twice in their life before September, including Sam and Jonah, this is an amazing achievement from the whole team. I very much hope that we can build on this success with even better results next year.

Mr Bensusan Bash

## Historian of the Fortnight

Pipi is our Historian of the Fortnight due to her tenacious approach to her studies. Not only does Pipi ensure all tasks are completed but she will focus intently on developing and perfecting skills needed to achieve the top marks. Pipi will ensure all work is completed to enable herself to be as fully prepared as possible.

She is a natural historian who is keen to develop analytical understanding and enjoys debate in her written work. I am so very proud of this student for all these reasons, but her unwavering determination and modesty has set her aside from her class this past two weeks.

Very well done Pipi!

Mrs Cager



## 'Rehome It' Open Morning at Gladrags

Gladrags are hosting a 'Rehome It' open morning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10:30am-1pm.

There will be plenty of resources on offer for free - surplus costumes (mainly adult sized, some teen and child), props and fabric remnants.

*Please note - this will be held in a different unit to the main Gladrags store, in the building next door, 'The Hub/Unit 5'.*

Gladrags are sharing the other premises with Smarter Uniforms and an upcycling textile artist The Leftover Thread. Smarter Uniforms will also be offering **free uniform** during the open morning, more info can be found here ><https://www.facebook.com/SmarterUniforms>

Here is a link to directions [Gladrags Costume Hire | How to Find Us \(gladragscostumes.org.uk\)](#)

There is parking outside the unit and some on-street parking close by.

## Canteen

Over the next week the canteen has two special menu days. On Thursday 8th February, they will be running a menu for Chinese New Year. On Friday 9th February, they will be selling pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

**CHINESE  
NEW YEAR**  
2024 YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Break  
Build Your Own Broth  
Vegan Sweet Chilli Noodles & Soya Bean Salad  
Chinese Sticky & Crispy Chicken Wings  
Sweet Chilli Chicken Pizza

Lunch  
Char Sui Chicken with Egg Fried Rice and Crunchy Stir-Fried Vegetables  
OR  
Stir-Fried Vegetables in a 5 Spice & Soy Sauce with Egg Fried Rice  
Banana Fritters with Toffee Sauce

Cake Stand  
Chocolate Fortune Cookie Cupcake  
Salted Caramel Chocolate Chiffon Cake





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Grace Machel Joseph  
Project manager/Co-founder