



# Headteacher's Update

No 246 8th March 2024

**WHY SHOULD THE FOOL  
HAVE MONEY IN HIS HAND  
WITH NO INTENTION OF  
BUYING WISDOM?  
– PROVERBS 17:16**

## Theme of the week: Wisdom and Money

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| <b>Monday 11th<br/>March</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 11 Food NEA</li></ul>  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>14th March</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 11 Food NEA</li></ul>  |
| <b>Monday<br/>18th—<br/>Tuesday 19th<br/>March</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 10 GCSE Art Mock</li></ul>   |
| <b>Thursday 21st<br/>March</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>KS3 Young Musician of the Year 6:30-8pm</li><li>Let's Dance at the Dome</li></ul> |

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been an action-packed week at King's with lots of enrichment activities and events taking place.

The English Department ran a lovely event for World Book Day featuring some suspiciously familiar Greek deities pinned up around the school as part of a literary treasure hunt.

Wednesday saw the incredible Operating Theatre Live experience for pupils from King's and Blatchington Mill. Our sports hall was transformed into an operating theatre for 60 students who demonstrated great skill, and strong stomachs, when carrying out intricate dissections!

Today we have also recognised and thanked the women who work at King's as part of International Women's Day and our amazing technicians as part of Techognition Day! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

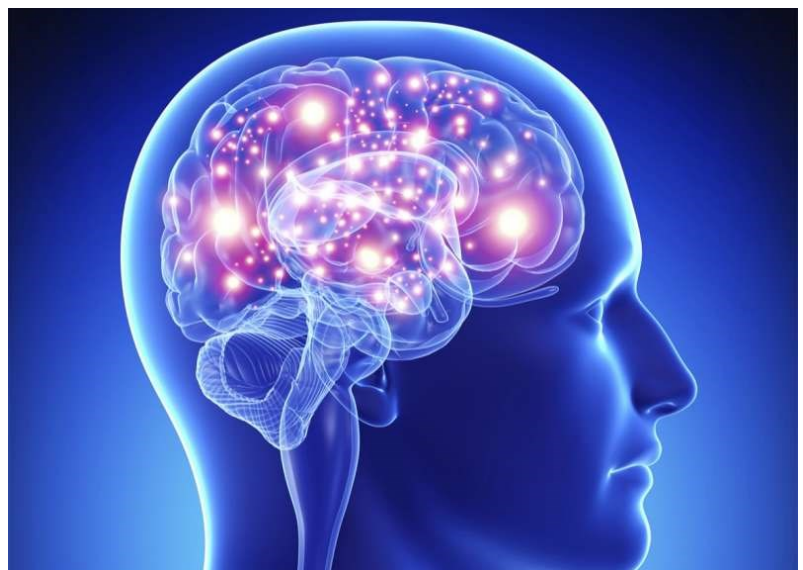
Mr Chamberlain

## Student of the Week

- Year 7** Mira S G for gaining person of the tournament in netball this week.
- Year 8** Isaac E for his amazing photography skills and hard work in art.
- Year 9** Julian B-K who was nominated for great work in English.
- Year 10** Scarlet L for much improved attendance this term and hard work in Maths.  
Emily M for working hard to improve in Maths and being strong and resilient in
- Year 11** Raff O for always being punctual and always smiling.

## Theme of the Week

This week we looked at wisdom and money. We opened discussion around how society could better manage money and how we can seek opportunities to develop our skills and relationships which in turn could help us earn more. During tutor we incorporated some money maths games too.



## Sixth Form

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

[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@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:sixth-form@kingschoolhove.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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

## World Book Day

World Book Day saw students heroically completing their Ancient Greek quests around school! Many groups completed this at Olympic speeds - some in under 20 minutes. The blessing of the gods has been bestowed on many mortals, but only a chosen few will be presented with bountiful tokens of merit. A special thanks to the student oracle(s) who gave up break and lunch to give guidance to lost souls and the Reading Ambassadors for helping to organise.

If students have enjoyed reading the Greek legends in tutor time then come and peruse the King's library shelves or voyage further afield to Hangleton or Hove libraries for some excellent legendary reads.



## National Offer Day

National offer day took place across the country on Friday 1st March. We are grateful to have been oversubscribed again this year, and have confirmation that we will welcome a full year group in September.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students into the King's community.

Our Open Events will run in the Autumn term and further details of these will be published on our website in due course.

## International Women's Day

Today, Friday 8th March, is International Women's Day. The theme for this year is 'Inspire Inclusion', which celebrates diversity and empowerment for women in all aspects of society.

### International Women's Day Spotlight—

#### Claudia Goldin

Claudia Goldin is a Professor of Economics at Harvard University and in the 1980s she was the first to develop a comprehensive approach to explaining the source of differences in pay between men and women.

In 2023, Goldin won a Nobel Prize thanks to her research examining history of the gender pay gap. Goldin's research has helped the world better understand current, past and future labour markets and the role of married women in these markets.



## Techognition Day

Today is also Techognition Day, a one-day event celebrates the work of school and FE college technicians (science, DT, food, art, music, drama, IT) with the aim of publicly showcasing their vast range of skills and the variety of tasks that these jobs entail.

At King's we are so fortunate to have amazing technicians working across the school.

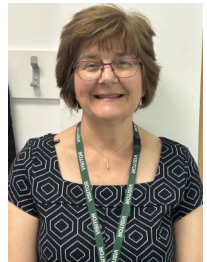
### Ms Nemeth—Senior Science Technician

Ms Nemeth is a long standing member of staff at King's and has been working with us since September 2017! She has seen the transition from the old site in Portslade when we had minimal facilities to our new site where she manages our two big prep rooms. Ms Nemeth has a wealth of experience and we are so grateful to have had her expertise in the field of Biology through her masters degree in the subject.



### Mrs Sweet—Science Technician

In September 2023, we were fortunate to gain an experienced colleague in Mrs Sweet, as a Science Technician. Mrs Sweet has over 8 years of experience working as a Science Technician in schools and previously had a career as a Veterinary Nurse! Mrs Sweet has settled well into King's life and has been doing some fantastic work with Ms Nemeth.



### Mr Hamilton—IT Support Engineer (King's and Wider RET)

IT is a massive part of our lives in school and is only going to grow from here! Mr Hamilton joined us in 2021 having trained as a IT Technician at another school in Hove. Mr Hamilton took a break between his work in schools to co-found the company Prsnt, who were nominated for the Brighton and Hove small business awards in 2022, in which they came second. Mr Hamilton has overseen the induction of cloud based storage and the introduction of Bromcom at King's and now shares his expertise across the Trust.



### Mr Raees-Danai—DT and Food Technician

Having had a previous career in architecture as Managing Director of his own company, Mr Raees-Danai has worked in education for almost 25 years! As a Head of Design and Technology in various schools, Mr Raees-Danai has inspired the last few generations of students to love DT. In September 2022, Mr Raees-Danai came out of retirement to take up a job as a DT Technician at King's, and has provided the department with a wealth of experience and help across all disciplines.



### Ms Chambers—Art Technician

Ms Chambers is another long standing member of staff at King's having started at school in 2017. Ms Chambers role has been incredibly varies and she has taken on a variety of tasks within the school during her time here. Ms Chambers has helped as a Site Assistant and an Invigilator, as well as her current role of Art Technician. Her help in Art is invaluable and the department benefits greatly from her skills and experience in the subject.



## Operating Theatre Live

As part of careers week, we were pleased to welcome Operating Theatre Live. Sixty Year 10 to 12 students engaged in a full day of dissections in the sports hall that was converted into an operating theatre for the event.

The students started the day by getting scrubbed up, then calculating the right amount of anaesthetic to give to the patient so that they would not wake up during the operations that were about to take place.

The students engaged with heart, lungs, head, brain, and eyes, as well as the full GI tract!

Students described the day as educational and fun!

We were pleased to invite students from Blatchington Mill to experience the day with us.

Well done to all the students who were involved in the day, we look forward to seeing what future careers lay ahead of you!



## Drama Club

On Monday 25th March Drama Club will not be on due to GCSE exam rehearsals.

## Email Communications Regarding Your Child

We wrote to all parents this week to outline our streamlined plans for email communication with staff about your child. We are always keen that you communicate concerns and queries with us. As a school we aim to respond to emails and requests for telephone calls within 48 hours. Most staff are engaged throughout the day in our core business of teaching and learning, so sometimes a response can take longer – especially if we need to gather information. Please be reassured that we will respond; your communication does matter to us. Please see the letter from Mrs Vincent outlining which email addresses to direct a query to. A copy of this can be found on our [website](#).

## Year 7 Netball

Our Year 7 netball team competed in the city wide netball tournament, hosted at Dorothy Stringer. King's played the other schools in their pool, including Blatchington Mill A, Stringer A, Hove Park A, Patcham and Cardinal Newman A. The girls won three, drew one and lost one game. They were one goal away from progressing through to the 3rd/4th play off - narrowly losing out on goal difference to Hove Park. A fantastic team performance with an overall result of 5th out of 12 teams. Mira was voted by the majority of our squad as 'players player', with an outstanding defensive performance from start to finish. Well done - an exceptional team performance.

## Departmental Competitions



# King's School Hove



**Departmental competitions in March are:**

**Art – Royal Academy Young  
Artist Competition**  
**RP – Y7 Prejudice and Discrimination  
Project**  
**Science – Y12 British Science Week  
Senior Physics Challenge**

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

## King's School Fund

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**King's School Fund**



## Careers Week

Next Week is National Careers Week. Some useful links are below:

[Career Zones - Success at School](#)

[National Careers Week - parent/teacher guide \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#) – download a free guide outlining vocational options after GCSE and sixth form.

# NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2024



### Explore Green Careers with the RHS

When: 05 March 2024

Time: 6:30-7:15pm

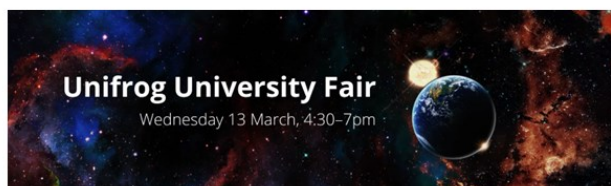
#### Where could Science lead you?

For students in Years 7 to 12 who are interested in learning more about Green Careers, come along to our webinar with the Royal Horticultural Society!

Take part in a Live Q&A and gain an insight into how you can get **work experience, paid internships, and volunteering opportunities** in the RHS' world-class garden and science teams.

Register Here!

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Your students can now sign up for our virtual University Fair on Wed 13 March, where reps from **40 universities** will answer their questions and help them find the best fit. Live sessions will discuss topics like student finance, contextual offers, and personal statements.

During the fair, we're also running an exciting competition where **the most engaged, interactive student will win a prize** that could get them one step closer to their dream university course!

This virtual fair is suitable for students in Years 10 to 12, and is free to attend. Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all welcome!

> [Get your students to sign up now](#) (13 Mar, 4:30-7pm)



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## HAF

The Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers FREE activities, plus a meal, throughout the school holidays.

HAF is for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

There's something fun for everyone, including sports, drama, music, coding, playschemes, and more.

Visit <https://eequ.org/brightonhovehaf> to see what's on offer and book.



The graphic features a central logo with 'HAF' in large letters, where 'H' is orange, 'A' is white with blue splatters, and 'F' is green with a leaf. Below it, 'Holiday Activities and Food' is written in orange, blue, and green. To the left, a blue banner says 'FREE!' in white. Three photos show children eating, a child jumping on a trampoline, and a child roller skating. Logos for the Department for Education and Brighton & Hove City Council are at the bottom right.

**FREE!**

**HAF**  
**Holiday Activities and Food**

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- Skills sessions
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- Film nights
- Inspiring talks
- Day trips
- Overnight camping

Save these dates and make sure you're on our mailing list to find out more!

Join us!



[bit.ly/BrightonGirlsMTB](https://bit.ly/BrightonGirlsMTB)

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| MAR<br><b>17</b>                               | <b>Sunday Social Ride</b><br>10AM - 12PM                  |                         |
| MAR<br><b>27</b>                               | <b>Midweek mtb (eve)</b><br>4:30-6PM                      |                         |
| APR<br><b>10</b>                               | <b>Midweek mtb (eve)</b><br>TIME TBC                      |                         |
| APR<br><b>28</b>                               | <b>Sunday Social Ride</b><br>10AM - 12PM                  |                         |
| MAY<br><b>8</b>                                | <b>Midweek mtb (eve)</b><br>TIME TBC                      |                         |
| 19 MAY<br>23 JUN<br>21 JUL<br>18 AUG<br>15 SEP | <b>Sunday Socials</b><br>10AM-12PM + DAY RIDES            | 3rd Sunday of the month |
| 5 JUN<br>3+31 JUL<br>28 AUG                    | <b>Midweek mtb (eve)</b><br>TIME TBC                      |                         |
| SEP<br><b>25</b>                               | <b>Summer Send Off (eve)</b><br>EVENING RIDE + CAMPFIRE 🔥 |                         |

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH WEST BLATCHINGTON



**'If it hadn't been for Easter,  
nobody would ever have dreamed  
of celebrating Christmas.'**

(N.T. Wright)

I don't know about you but Easter feels to have come very early this year. But with that we have a chance to reflect on the connection between Easter and our last great festival: Christmas. So let's try to join the dots:

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of God's son born as a human being, at Easter we celebrate the gift of God's son who gave his life as a gift to forgive our sin.

At Christmas we read of how the shepherds and wise men came to worship the new born king, at Easter we rush with the disciples to greet the risen Lord from the tomb.

At Christmas we celebrate the Light that has come into the darkness of our world, at Easter we celebrate that the Lord of life has defeated the powers of sin and death.

At Christmas we stare in awe at the infant Christ, at Easter we kneel in gratitude at the cross, then bow down in wonder at the resurrected Lord.

So why not come and celebrate the good news of Christ crucified and risen. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Alleluia He is Risen!

**Rev'd Tim, Rector,  
St. Peter's Church**



## Holy Week and Easter services

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday 28th March – 7.45pm  
Bring and share Maundy Thursday service in the church hall.

### **Good Friday**

Friday 29th March  
All-age worship – 9.30am  
Followed by hot cross buns  
Noon hour meditation at the cross

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday 31st March  
Sunrise service – 6.30am  
All-age parish eucharist – 10am



### **The Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank**

(Registered Charity Number 1171532) is a project jointly sponsored by St Peter's and our close friends at St George's RC Church.

The dedicated team of volunteers continues to work tirelessly to support local families in food poverty. At this time, the number of households seeking help is rising rapidly and donations, whether in cash or kind, are desperately needed.

Donations of food can be made by phoning our donations coordinator on **07828 658337** or emailing **[hangletonfoodbankdonations@gmail.com](mailto:hangletonfoodbankdonations@gmail.com)**

Monetary donations can be sent to Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank at HSBC, 40-25-03, 51650521.



[www.stpeterswestblatchington.org.uk](http://www.stpeterswestblatchington.org.uk)

## St Peter's 'open church' drop-in



On the first Friday of every month  
10.30am - 12noon

For coffee, conversation and companionship.

We are open between 10.30am and 12 noon for you to drop in for a coffee, piece of cake and a chat.

A very warm welcome awaits you, so please do come along – we'd love to see you.

## Tea and tots

Tea and Tots is a friendly toddler group for children aged 0-4 and their carers. We meet in St Peter's Church every Friday 9:30-11am and are run by St Peter's Church in collaboration with St Anthony's Preschool. It's £1 per family and includes tea, coffee and biscuits, plus snacks for children. We begin with playing and enjoying drinks and snacks, and finish with 20 minutes of songs and stories, including a Bible story.

We have a lovely outside play area to use when the weather is good. No booking necessary, just come along! Term time only.

## Free lunchtime concerts

March 23rd: Rachel Smith and Paul Gregory  
– Flute and guitar

April 19th: Simon Carrey – Piano recital

May 17th: Folkadelix

June 21st: Margaret Watson – Harp

July 20th: Brighton Guitar Quartet

Held every month at 1.10pm. Refreshments provided and donations welcome to support future concerts. All concerts are listed on our website.

## Summer fair

Saturday 15th June – 11.30am to 2.30pm

Full details on our website  
[www.stpetersadmin@zoho.com](http://www.stpetersadmin@zoho.com)

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

10.00am – Sunday parish eucharist with Sunday school in term time (except third Sunday of the month)

10.00am – All-age worship, third Sunday of the month

7.45pm – Prayer Together, first Wednesday of the month

7.45pm – Shorter eucharist service, third Wednesday of the month

10.00am – Online service via Youtube

Please visit our website at [www.stpeterswestblatchington.org.uk](http://www.stpeterswestblatchington.org.uk) or view our noticeboard for the latest service times and events.

The Rector is always available for spiritual counsel and healing prayer.

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