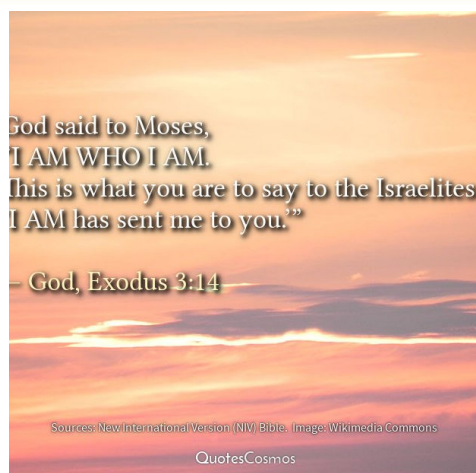




Headteacher's Update

No 267 11th October 2024



**Theme of the week:
Courageous Advocacy for
the Future**

Dates for your Diary

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| Week Commencing Monday 14th October | Timetable week One |
| Wednesday 16th October 6 -7pm | Parent/Carer Happiness Talk |
| Thursday 17th October | Year 13 Parents' Evening (online) |
| Tuesday 22nd October 5.30pm—7.00pm | Celebration Ser- vice |
| Friday 25th October | Inset Day |

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was exciting to see our parent information evening for the forthcoming Iceland trip run this week. This is the first trip to Iceland we have run and we are planning for it to become a biannual trip in the calendar for students. We strive to offer a trips programme which is both exciting and inclusive, and, to that end, we ensure that we provide students with a range of residential and day trips to local, national and international locations. I am so grateful to the staff who give up so much time to plan trips and often give up a lot of their holiday time to accompany students on them. I hope that the students who will be visiting Iceland are suitably excited!

This is a lengthy half term and there is still much to be done before we break for half term in two weeks' time. We are reminding Year 11 students that we are now only four weeks out from their first set of mock exams. Many of them are creating revision timetables to cover this period so that they are well prepared for these exams and we would certainly recommend that they do that. Please do not hesitate to contact me via head@kingschoolhove.org.uk if you would like me to send you a revision timetable template and guidance on revision methods.

I wish you all a restorative weekend.

Mrs Price

Parking in West Blatchington Primary School

We have received reports that some parents are using the West Blatchington Primary School car park for drop off and pick ups at King's. Please do not do this; it is extremely unhelpful to the primary school. We would encourage parents/carers to drop students off a little way from the school and allow them to walk the last 5-10 minutes to avoid congestion in the immediate vicinity of the school. St Helen's Green is an excellent location to drop students off at. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Student of the Week

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| Year 7 | Alison M – for continued excellent work Ava T – for her fantastic contribution to Science |
| Year 8 | Lyra B for excellent work in Science |
| Year 9 | |
| Year 10 | Max N for great work in RP. |
| Year 11 | |

Theme of the Week

This week our focus on advocacy widened its lens as we scaled up to focus on advocating for the world. We looked at the potential impacts of certain businesses on our environment, predicted projections of the world we live in and also took time midway through the week to enjoy some worship music."



Attendance

Congratulations to 10P and also 7P - both Tutor groups have had 98% attendance this week - the highest in the school. Well done!!"

Staff Introduction

Hi! My name is Ms Bruce and I am thrilled to be joining King's School as a new addition to the English Department. I studied English Literature at the University of Birmingham, specialising in global & postcolonial literatures and Shakespeare studies. I went on to train and teach in Dudley at Windsor High School for two years, where I ran a drama club, reading groups, and a Pride club. I am passionate about advocating for a diverse and inclusive curriculum, and building an education that creates kind, creative and confident young people. Over the summer, I made the move to Brighton and am loving all the sea and sunshine! Outside of the classroom, you can find me in the garden or kitchen cooking up a storm.



Stained Glass Window Competition



As part of our 10 year/Church of England designation celebrations we are running a **stained glass window competition** for students. We are looking for students to design a stained glass window panel which will then be installed on vinyl prominently on a window in the school. Significant achievement points will also be awarded.

We ran a similar competition when the school opened and selected this winning design which was turned into a vinyl window panel and displayed on our old site:

Students wishing to submit an entry should draw out their design on A4 paper and hand this in to their tutor or directly to Mrs Price, via Mrs Bond who works just outside Mrs Price's office near SEND on the first floor of the building.

Entries should be submitted by the end of the day on Thursday 24th October which is the final school day for students before half term.

Students' designs should include:

- The school colour of purple
- A reference to King's being open for 10 years
- A reference to King's being a Church of England school



King's School

We are proud to support the whole school community with

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Wellbeing Hub
— from Teen Tips —



Creating an environment that nurtures mental health and wellbeing is a top priority at our school.

We are delighted to provide you with free access to this interactive online portal, designed by experts.

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FREE MEMBERSHIP**

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COMING UP THIS WEEK
Wednesday 16th October 2024, 6:30pm BST
Webinar: Helping your child to have healthy friendships and relationships with Alicia Drummond

Sign up now: club.teentips.co.uk →

Parent/Carer Talk - Happiness

This academic year we will be running a series of in-person talks for parents and carers on student wellbeing. These will be in addition to all of the online webinars and content on the new Wellbeing Hub. Our first talk will be led by Mr Chamberlain at King's on 16th October from 6pm -7pm and details of this talk, and how to sign up, can be found below.

Parent/Carer Talk - Happiness – How can we help young people to feel happier?

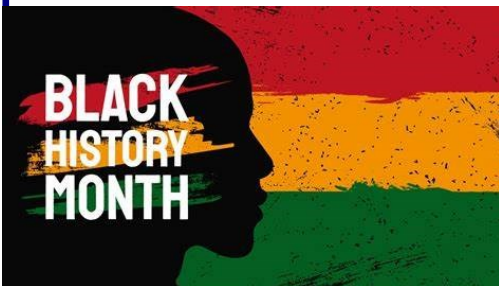
We frequently read headlines about the poor state of young people's mental health and the pressure on services such as CAMHS. However, there are many effective strategies that can help young people to feel happier and more contented. Mr Chamberlain has trawled the very latest research, along with the collective experiences for our senior leaders, and compiled the findings into a list of practical steps for parents to try with their children. All resources and links will be shared with parents after the talk.

[Click this link if you would like to sign up to attend.](#)



Black History Month

October is Black History Month. The theme of this year's BHM is *Reclaiming Narratives*. As we mark this month in school we will have the opportunity to gain a fresh perspective on Black history that goes beyond the traditional focus on slavery and civil rights and celebrate Black excellence in all its forms—whether in the arts, sciences, politics, or everyday life.



On Wednesday 16th October we will join students across the country as we log in to a special live assembly hosted by BAFTA-nominated Children's BBC presenter Gemma Hunt, BAFTA-winning 12 year old presenter Jeriah Kibusi and award-winning diversity author Dr Krish Kandiah OBE. We also have a school run assembly where we will be hearing stories from some of our students about people in their families.

Black History Month

Parent Prayer Group

Did you know....King's School has a Parent Prayer Group! We are a group of parents who believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for all aspects of the school. We would love to have you join us.

Our first meeting of the term was last week. We will meet again on the **17th October**, outside of the entrance to King's and will then gather inside the school for prayer.

It is a relaxed time, open to anyone who wants to engage in Christian prayer together with other parents. You do not need to commit to every meeting, but come along when you can.

We also have a whatsapp group which we will use to send prayer requests and meeting info. If you'd like to join this whatsapp group, or have questions about the prayer group email:

amanda.roberts81@hotmail.co.uk



Historians of the Fortnight

Ben E receives this accolade for his quietly confident approach to history studies. He has achieved excellent results across a range of papers and is incredibly humble when receiving praise. He's got a great sense of humour in lesson despite being named the "silent assassin" by his peers for his observational approach before entering the historical debate. Ben's worked hard and it has paid off and made him a pleasure to have in the classroom and his work, a joy to read.

Well done Ben!



Halima J is a truly deserving recipient of this award this fortnight. Halima's gracious and tenacious approach to her studies is always a hit with our class. Halima has excelled over this past year, achieving excellent exam results due to her resilient nature. Halima's recent 16 marker interpretation essay was an examiner's dream in its level of contextual knowledge. She's a role model to others who takes all challenges in her stride.

Well done Halima!



Subject Spotlight: : Biology OCR A Level

Introduction

We are excited to introduce the Biology A Level course to you.

The OCR Biology A-Level syllabus delves into cellular biology, genetics, ecosystems, and the latest advances in biotechnology, providing a broad and deep understanding of biological principles. It emphasizes practical skills alongside theoretical knowledge, preparing students for further study and careers in the biological sciences.

Biology A Level:

The content is split into six teaching modules:

- Module 1 Development of practical skills in biology
- Module 2 Foundations in biology
- Module 3 Exchange and transport
- Module 4 Biodiversity, evolution and disease
- Module 5 Communication, homeostasis and energy
- Module 6 Genetics, evolution and ecosystems



Watch List:

My Octopus Teacher
Wonders of Life Brian Cox
Junior doctors: On the front line
And of course any documentary involving Sir David Attenborough!

Relevant Careers:

Biology is a key subject for lots of STEM careers, particularly in healthcare, medicine and jobs involving plants or animals. The list is long and includes nursing, dentistry, forensic science, psychology, physiotherapy, botany, environmental science, zoology, geology, oceanography, pharmaceuticals, energy, teaching, science writing, genetics and research. Several sports related courses such as physiotherapy and sports therapy also require biology.

Mrs Coles and Mr Kent are always happy to talk in more detail about Biology A level.

UCAS

This week in the sixth form, students wanting to apply to Oxford, Cambridge and for Medicine have been busy completing their UCAS applications. It was very exciting to send our first applications to UCAS from King's School Hove. We are looking forward to seeing where their next steps will take them.

The website UCAS is full of resources and useful information for students lower down the school as they start to think about future courses and careers that they might be interested in.

Go and check it out.

[UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#)

Stars of the Term



| MATHS EXAM DATES | |
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| YEAR 7 | Wednesday 16 th Oct |
| YEAR 8 | Wednesday 16 th Oct |
| YEAR 9 | Tuesday 15 th Oct |
| YEAR 10 | Tuesday 16 th Oct |
| YEAR 11 | Monday 14 th Oct |

| STARS OF THE TERM | |
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| YEAR 7 | Samuel |
| YEAR 8 | Emma C and Sylvia H |
| YEAR 9 | Matanios A |
| YEAR 10 | Tearna W |
| YEAR 11 | Seren J, Lottie B and Adam C |

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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 sixthform@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 \(padlet.com\)](#)



King's School Hove Open Evening

Sixth Form

12th November
6 - 7.30pm

Find out more about the range of courses available
Speak to our skilled and dedicated subject staff
See our great facilities

All parents and students welcome from schools across the area
Refreshments will be available

Please visit our website to register your interest



SCAN ME

If you are unable to attend our Open Evening but would like to arrange a tour at another time, please email sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

To apply, please visit www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/event-6th

A Level Drama and Theatre Studies



Some of you will now be making decisions about which A levels to study next year. Did you know you do NOT have to have studied Drama at GCSE to take it at A level? You just need to show a willingness to work creatively with others.

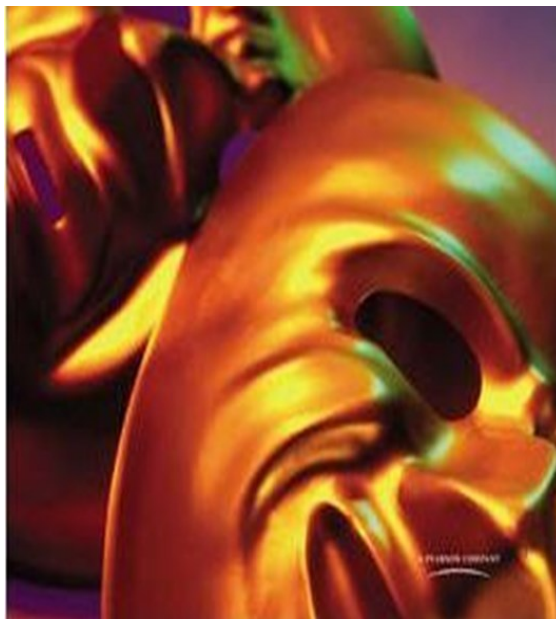
Students learn about performing in a variety of theatrical styles and how their own work can reflect important practitioners of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The lessons will be fun and explorative, focusing on both scripts and devised pieces. You will be expected to come to the theatre (what a hardship !) to experience live performances.

My ex-students work in a wide variety of roles as: a West End musical theatre performer, who starred in 'Moulin Rouge' and 'Heathers'; a stand up comedian who has worked with Ricky Gervais and appeared on Late Night at the Apollo; a comedian and producer who curated part of the Brighton Fringe Festival and won a 5* review from The Telegraph at the Edinburgh Festival; teachers (History, Drama, English, Primary); nurses; a photographer; a food stylist and cookery writer working for The Guardian, BBC food and Ocado magazine; a BBC 3 Comedy writer and producer and a sound designer for the National Theatre.

This shows how the skills gained from this A level can eventually lead you into a creative job or a different kind of professional role. These skills are valued by employers, who recognise the team aspect, and how students are learning to express themselves and their ideas in a creative and meaningful way.

So if you are interested in studying A level Drama here next year, talk to me soon or e mail c.grosvenor@kingsschoolhove.org.uk



PE Update—Table Tennis

This Wednesday, eight of us represented King's at a Brighton and Hove Table Tennis Tournament held at Patcham High School. Overall, the 4 boys made it to the Semi-Final and the 4 girls made it to 4th place.

All the other teams were very skilled, but we tried our best in every game. We all had an incredible time and played with determination and focus.

There was a strong sense of team spirit, and we cheered each other on through the more difficult games.

Such a brilliant experience alongside so much fun!

Theo M 8E



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CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



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.

Day 1 is an assessment of Level 2 activities. Progression to level 3 is subject to achieving Level 2 standard

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

To book your place, please visit <https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 October

13.15 – 15.15 each day

Ages 11 – 15

Level 3 costs £50.00 per person

Concessions available.

If the course is not fully booked, then course length could be shorter

