

# Headteacher's Update

#### No 270 8th November 2024



Theme of the week: Why do we need.... Sport & DT

Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing	Timetable week		
Monday 11th	Two		
November			
Monday 11th	Remembrance		
November	Day		
Tuesday 12th	Sixth Form Open		
November	Evening		
6.00pm-7.30pm			
Thursday 14th	Year 11 and 13		
November	Mocks begin		
Monday 2nd December	INSET Day		

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your child has settled well into school again after the half term break; it has been good to welcome back some refreshed faces! I hope that students who attended the Iceland trip over the half term break had a wonderful experience. It sounds as though staff and students created some fantastic lifelong memories and it is certainly a trip that we will be looking to repeat in the future.

Next week we move into the first set of mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13 students. It is very clear from conversations I am hearing around the school that students are taking these exams seriously and preparing well for them. Thank you for your support with this. We want students to view these exams as an opportunity to see what they know and can do at this point in their courses. If they prepare for them they will gain a clear picture of where their gaps are and what they need to do to close them in the coming months. Please continue to support them through the exam period by ensuring they eat a good breakfast before they come to school and go to bed at a good time at night so that they are well rested and physically prepared for the demands of the exam room.

Next week, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we are also holding our Sixth Form Open Evening. I would warmly encourage all current Year 11 students to attend this with their parents/carers. Year 10 students are most welcome too. We are combining the Open Evening with a Careers Fair so there really will be something for all students to benefit from and we look forward to showcasing what our Key Stage 5 provision can offer.

I hope you all have restful weekends.

**Mrs Price** 

## **Student of the Week**

Year 7 Year 8	Emily K for people exceptionally kind to everyone!	
Year 9	Menesa A for continual great work in science	
Year 10	Joshua R for hard work in Geography	
Year 11	Esme G and Henry T for excellent commitment and work in History	

## Year 7 and 8 PSHE Talks

We were joined this week by Mandy Marshall-Taylor from the Naked Truth Project who delivered PSHE talks to our Year 7 and 8 students. The Year 7 talk focused on selfies and all of the issues that can arise from sending images online. They looked at images and the law, building respectful relationships, and how sharing images can be harmful to yourself and others.

The Year 8 talk focused on how the online world is heavily filtered and looked at the impact this can have on us all. They were taught how to identify the unhelpful messaging present in a variety of media types and how to critique those messages. They also explored the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices, and the impact of positive and negative content on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing.



## Theme of the Week.... Why do we need?

Design and Technology is a vital subject Can you imagine what would our world look like without design technology?

### Daily Life Without:

Modern Conveniences- no phones, cars, television, Xbox Communication- email, text messages, phone calla Healthcare systems- dental care, surgery, vets Education- computers, interactive boards, canteen



## Design to save lives

Architects have recently to designed a new concept for 200 'pod' homes to help the homeless population.

This project involved designers developing a single person unit which features a fully furnished room with kitchen and bathroom facilities which homeless people can use for a week at only the cost of £5.



"Solar Sahelis." not only do the solar lights provide safety for women in their villages, but also jobs. India is trying to bring electricity to hundreds of millions of its citizens who live off the grid. And it's trying to ensure that the power comes from clean and renewable sources.

In much of Africa, heat and light comes from dirty, polluting and dangerous kerosene lanterns. British charity SolarAid is looking to change that by providing cheap solar lighting, bolstering development and helping to protect the environment, An estimated 110 million homes in Africa don't have access to electricity.



Design is an iterative process, a continual process of striving for the best product

Designers work with materials such as wood, papers, polymers and metals to design and make innovative, modern and interesting products. In school we have access to a range of different materials and machinery to help us realise our ideas.





wood joinery Sewing

Laser cutting Line bending Brazing Vacuum forming Image transferring

From architecture to product innovation, product designers are behind some of the most amazing things that we use/interact with in our everyday lives.





This is the timetable for the Year 11 mock exams. These are important and students will be sitting past exam papers in complete examination conditions. These exams provide the teachers with loads of useful information about what students do and don't know. For these reasons please encourage your children to attend all days if at all possible and to take them seriously. This is an intense period - as we squeeze these exams into a period much shorter than the actual GCSEs. It gives students a very good experience and prepares them very well for their final exams, but it can be a bit gruelling.

Your help required! - Please speak to them about their revision and make sure they have a timetable to organise their revision. It is not too late to start now!

	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 21st Novem- ber	Friday 22nd November
AM	English Language	Maths Paper 1	Biology	English Literature	Chemistry	Physics	English Language
Break							
AM	Normal	Spanish	Geography	Normal	Spanish	French	French Listening (F)
	Lessons	Listening (Foundation)	Paper 2 (all)	Lessons	Listening (Higher)	Listening (H)	
Lunch							
PM	Option A subjects	Option B subjects	Maths Paper 2	Option C subjects	Algebra L2 and Comput- er science paper 2 Missed Exam catch up op- portunity	Option Block D	Spanish Writing / French Writing / Computer science Paper 2 catch up (If missed due to Al- gebra) Missed exam catch up opportunity

#### Timings:

• Some of the PM exams may finish after 3pm (between 3:15 and 3:40pm). This is indicated on the exam timetables students have been given.

• Some of the AM exams may run across breaktime. We do keep the canteen open as much as possible, but there may be some occasions when this is not possible. We recommend students bring a snack for breaktime in case it is not open.

• Students will register on the MUGA at 08:30 and will be brought into the exam rooms directly from there. It is important students are on time to this. If the weather is bad, students will instead register in their tutor rooms and come down to the exam rooms directly from there.

For PM exams, students will also line up on the MUGA to be registered and brought into the exam rooms. If the weather is poor they will meet in the canteen and go into their exams from there.



#### Bringing in revision:

When students are not in exams they will have normal lessons. It may be the case that the teacher will allow them to revise individually for their next exam, or they may have prepared a lesson revising for their next exam in that subject. We would recommend that students bring some revision materials into school in case they have the opportunity to use them.

#### Mobile phones and equipment:

• We will be following all exam regulations. Students will need to have their mobile phones and smart devices turned off and in their bag for the duration of the exams. We would recommend students leave them at home for the duration of the exam period.

- Students will need to make sure that they bring all their equipment for these exams. They will need black biros, a pencil, rubber, ruler, protractor, pair of compass, and a calculator.
- Water should be in clear bottles, and pencil cases should be see through.

## **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 <a href="mailto:sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a> 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 <u>Best Next Steps - Colleges and FE application portals (padlet.com)</u>



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

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

## Subject Spotlight: Computer Science A Level





## **Oliver!**—Prop Donations Needed

We are in need of a few items for next year's show Shirts/trousers/jumpers aged 10-14 that are ready for the clothes bank rather than the charity shop ( to 'distress' as costumes for the ensemble )

- Wooden stools small and old fashioned like pub stools ( or a contact you might have to lend )
- Tankards
- Stethoscope
- Brown earthenware bottles
- Sacks / scruffy old blankets but not modern looking

If you could lend or donate any of these please get in touch: c.grosvenor@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Many thanks and have a great weekend.

Mrs Grosvenor

#### DRAMA KEY TERMS

Each term we will be either introducing new terms or revisiting ones previously covered. Please do talk to your child about some of these key words from their Drama lessons. Hopefully they should be able to tell you what they all mean by Christmas !

		<u>Year 8</u>		<u>Year 9</u>
<u>Year 7</u>		Table read	Empathise	Monologue
Narration	Role Play	Cold read	Staging	Hotseating
Thought-tracking	Rehearsal	Script	Impact	Stereotype
Improvisation	Slo(w) Mo(tion)	Objective	Back-story	Character/isation
Chorus	Flashback	Playwright	Director/direction	
		Character/isation		



Week commencing 11th November PODCAST: How our internal dialogue impacts our mental health with Dr Haneyeh Belyani, Child and Adolescent Therapist and Counselling Psychologist at The Khiron Clinic

Listen now: club.teentips.co.uk

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## **Hello Future 24**

This event is about inspiring not hiring, it is about connecting the purpose of education to the wider world of work and to showcase the variety of opportunities that are in our city and beyond. We have over 60 businesses joining us on the day offering an immersive experience of their industry, inspirational talks along with a Q&A corner for students to chat to business specialists.

It would be wonderful if students could <u>register in advance</u>, but it is not essential. If they are turning up on the day, could you ask them to have their **school/college ID** with them. The syndicate wing is situated at the back of the Brighton Centre and is accessible by all public transport and as like last year for the younger cohorts of students they are welcome after 4pm if they are accompanied by a parent/carer/family or teacher.





Corridor Projects are delighted to let you know about our upcoming free creative programme.

#### **The Wonder Club**

Free, for ages 13 – 18

Join the next Wonder Club starting this November for young people interested in experimental filmmaking and visual arts.

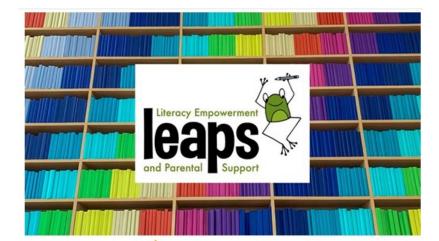
Explore early filmmaking with Chahine Fellahi and other guest artists. Fuse analogue and digital and rekindle the spirit of discovery, enchantment and innovation that marked the early days of filmmaking.

### Saturdays (11am - 3pm) at Hove Museum of Creativity:

Saturday 23 November Saturday 14 December Saturday 11 January Saturday 22 February Saturday 15 March Register at: https://forms.gle/VvvjweniSwUXzCbb6 Find out more at https://www.corridorprojects.org.uk/days-of-wonder



**King's School** 



## **Coffee and Chat Morning**

#### Hosted by the BHISS Literacy Team

- Open to all Brighton and Hove parents and carers of learners with literacy difficulties and dyslexia
- Meet together with others to share experiences and ideas
- Speak to BHISS Literacy teachers, who can answer your questions about literacy assessment and support
- A chance to look at books and resources for supporting learners at home
- · Please join us-you will be most welcome!

Getting there Please note there is no parking available at Portslade Hub. Free parking is availaole in nearby streets. The Hub is served by bus routes 1 and X.-alight in Portslade Village and walk ap to the junction of High Street and Mile Oak Road Date: Monday 18th November 2024 Time: 10am-11.30am Venue: Portslade Hub, Mile Oak Road, Portslade, BN41 2PG To book a place, please email Issadmin@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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