

Theme of the week:
Why do we need?....
Maths

Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing Monday 25th November	Timetable week Two
Thursday 28th November	Winter Music Showcase starting at 6:30pm
Friday 29th November	Enrichment Day
Monday 2nd December	INSET Day

**Please read on for details of our
Christmas events!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a week of diverse weather conditions and a diverse range of activities going on in school. Year 11 and Year 13 students have now completed their first set of mock exams. Behaviour in the exam rooms has generally been excellent and students have demonstrated good attitudes and good resilience in their approach to exams. Students will be given mock exam results from the 6th December and these will be communicated to you in due course. Please be advised that we do not simply issue mock exam results to Sixth Form providers as predicted grades. We expect students to make significant progress in most cases from first mocks to the final exams and predicted grades will reflect this and be heavily based around their target grades.

We are very grateful to Mandy Marshall-Taylor who was in school again this week to deliver 'Naked Truth' talks to Year 9 and Year 10 students as part of their PSHE provision. Mandy speaks to the students on difficult topics, including the use of filters online and pornography, in a very constructive and sensitive manner. Her talks are exceptionally well researched and presented and are always well received.

It was a joy to welcome back the class of 2024 this week for their GCSE Certificate Evening. Staff were very pleased to take some time to recognise the significant achievements of this cohort and to celebrate their success. Please read on in this newsletter for a full write up from the event.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Mrs Price

Student of the Week

Year 7 Behdad A for consistently being fantastic in lessons!

Year 8 River A – Consistently reflects the school values in his behaviour. He was particularly kind in Art this week.

Year 9

Year 10 Lola S-P for Geography and Media



Enrichment Day

As you will be aware, **Friday 29th November** is our first enrichment day of the year. Students across all year groups will be off timetable and taking part in a range of different activities. For students in school the school day starts at 8.30am but finishes at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm. Students who are on trips will have received a separate letter from the trip lead outlining the requirements of the day.

Year 7 are taking part in one of two activities. One half of the year are visiting Herstmonceux Observatory and Science centre and the other half of the year are taking part in a Dickens themed theatre and crafts day in school. The two halves of the year will have the opportunity to complete the activity they are not doing this time during our March enrichment day.

Year 8 are taking part in a valuable Geography and Environmental day on the South Downs. We are lucky to have a national park on our doorstep and the Year 8 students will be going on a walk and picnic on the Downs. A letter has been sent out outlining what they will require, and we are keeping a close eye on the weather which looks good at the moment.

Year 9 are taking part in a careers day. We are running this day in partnership with local organisation Elev8 who support us in getting approximately 20 local employers to discuss their own career journeys and explain what their day to day work life looks like. We hope this is a valuable experience for year 9 in advance of the options process.

Year 10 Historians are visiting Hampton Court where, in addition to visiting the palace, they will be taking part in GCSE themed workshops on Tudor England. The students in school are taking part in a sustainability day; this is practical day where students will examine water samples from our own coast line, make sushi using sustainable seaweed, and “rewild” the school environment. Students in school will also have opportunities to explore the importance of taking care of our environment on a local and global school.

Year 11 will be having an exam preparation and wellbeing day. They will take part in a workshop with Elevate Education who are a nationally recognised organisation who support students with proven revision and exam strategies. These sessions have supported our students well in the past in advance of their GCSEs. Students will also take part in activities which look at wellbeing and the importance of keeping active and engaged with your passions, during stressful times like exams.

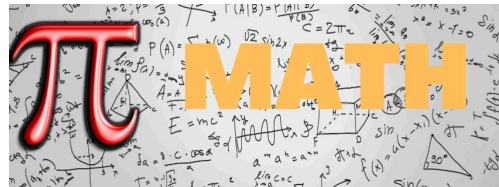
Attendance

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who achieved 98% attendance this week - 11E, 10P, 9B, 9E, 8C and 7G. Well done!!

Theme of the Week

Why do we need?.....Maths

Mathematics is essential in our daily lives for a multitude of reasons. It helps us make sense of the world by providing tools to solve problems, make decisions, and understand patterns. From managing finances and cooking recipes to designing buildings and developing technology, math is the foundation that supports various fields and industries. It also enhances critical thinking and analytical skills, enabling us to approach challenges logically and systematically. In essence, math is not just about numbers; it's a universal language that empowers us to navigate and shape our world effectively.



GCSE Certificate Evening

Every year in November we invite our former Year 11 students back into school to receive their GCSE certificates. It is always a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate their success and to remind them that we will always be their secondary school and that they will always be welcome here.

The evening started at 5:30pm on Thursday this week with nibbles and drinks and an opportunity for students to catch up with each other and with staff. Mrs Price then formally spoke to the cohort, thanking them for their hard work and efforts in their exams and for their wider contribution to the school community.

Students were invited up to formally collect their certificates. It was wonderful to see so many former students, together with their parents and carers, to enjoy this celebratory evening.



King's Christmas Showcase

Tickets for the Showcase:

This year our Christmas Showcase will be on **Thursday 28th November at 6.30pm** in the school hall. This is always a wonderful, joyous evening and a chance to hear some of the talented students of King's School ranging from YR7 up to YR12. There will be a mixture of solos and ensembles with music from many exciting genres!

Our wonderful PTA will be providing refreshments and all proceeds raised go towards supporting the school.

Tickets are available on ParentPay



King's School Christmas 2024 Events

We have several school events planned to celebrate the Christmas season. We would especially like to invite parents, carers and wider members of the King's community our **King's Community Carols**, held at St Leonard's Church, Hove on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm. More information about these events will be communicated home nearer to the time, but for now our key dates are below.

Date	Event
Monday 9 th December - Wednesday 11 th December	Advent Prayer Space <i>Off the Fence will be running our annual Advent Prayer Space. This provides students with an opportunity to engage in a range of activities that lead to prayer and/or reflection at a very busy time of year.</i>
Wednesday 11 th December 6.00pm-7.00pm	King's Community Carols at St Leonard's Church, Hove <i>We would love to welcome all parents, carers and wider members of the King's community to this event. This will also include a community choir piece. If you would like to join us in singing we will have two rehearsals this year on Monday 25th November 5.00-6.30pm and Saturday 7th December 10.00-11.30am, both on the school site.</i>
Monday 16 th December	Whole school Carol Services at Bishop Hannington Church <i>These services, during the school day, are for our students only. Students will be walked down to Bishop Hannington Church from school for a carol service</i>
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day <i>We will be serving Christmas lunch on the penultimate day of term. We will also be taking the opportunity to fundraise for local charities through our Christmas Jumper Day.</i>

Christmas Catering



FANTASTIC FESTIVE FOOD

**Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December**

Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington
Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas
& Gravy

Followed by

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce
Vegan Chocolate & Orange Brownie
Festive White Chocolate Confetti Cookie

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FANTASTIC FESTIVE FOOD

12 Days of Christmas

Thurs 28 Nov – Brie and Cranberry Ciabatta
Fri 29 Nov – Homemade Mince Pie
Mon 2 Dec – Onion Bhaji Wrap / Giant Pig in Blanket
Tues 3 Dec – Cranberry & White Chocolate Muffin
Weds 4 Dec – Butternut Squash Aranchi Bauble
Thurs 5 Dec – Chocolate Orange Chelsea Bun
Fri 6 Dec – Turkey, Bacon & Stuffing Panini
Mon 9 Dec – Xmas Tree Croissant
Tues 10 Dec – Christmas Baguette
Weds 11 Dec – Christmas Tree Gingerbread
Thurs 12 Dec – Cranberry & Black Pepper Sausage Roll
Fri 13 Dec – Viennese Mince Pie

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Historian of the Fortnight

Millie D

14.11.2024-01.12.2024

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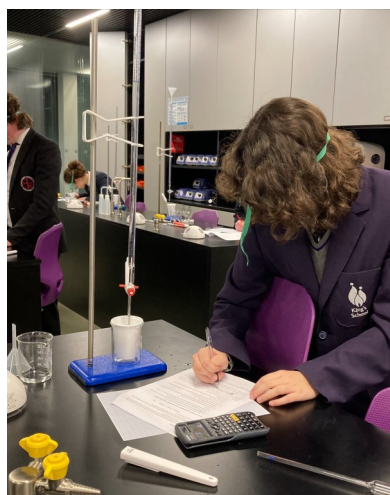
Millie is our Historian of the Fortnight due to her continued hard work in History. Her silent but effective approach to her studies has not gone unnoticed, reflected in her writing, the best point sentences in our recent Crime and Punishment mock exam. Millie has shown an abundance of resilience, focus and determination at such a key time of the year. I cannot begin to praise this student enough for her growing confidence and determination to reach her potential in the summer!

Very well done Millie!



Top of the Bench Competition

Last week, four King's students took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's annual 'Top of the Bench' competition. The competition took place at Brighton College and our team competed against other local schools. Tim and Sheryl in year 9 worked together investigating the reactivity of metals, Timo in year 10 undertook some complex ligand exchange reactions and Raye in year 11 carried out a titration to investigate energy changes in reactions. All four students then completed a challenging chemistry quiz. Our students did a fantastic job of working calmly under pressure. Although they weren't the overall winners, our team thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Christmas Card Competition

We are challenging students to design a Christmas card for King's! The winning design will be printed and used as the school's Christmas card which is sent to friends of the school.

The winner will receive a bundle of their cards to give to their family and friends!

- Designs must be completed on plain A4 paper
- Colour or black and white designs are acceptable
- All designs should refer to the school's Christian ethos and should contain the school's name and/or logo.

Entries should be submitted to tutors by **Thursday 28th November**

Good luck!



Spanish

Students in 9B2 Spanish got the opportunity to predict their futures by using a balloon as a crystal ball and writing an essay on it during their lesson last Friday afternoon. Lots of fun was had as pupils explored a different way of recording their thoughts and it was a jovial atmosphere throughout. It was a nice way to end the week and get ready for the speaking assessments.

"Fue fabuloso", said Sheryl and Orlanda

"En español es muy creativo y práctico" said Benjamin

"Es una actividad diferente" said JG

"Voy a continuar con el español para GCSE" said Alessio



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 \(padlet.com\)](#)



**YEAR 11, APPLICATIONS
ARE OPEN TO KING'S SIXTH
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Subject Spotlight: A Level English Literature

The study of Literature is the detailed study of what it is to be human; the human psyche, human experience and social influences over the years.

In A Level English Literature, we seek to understand a range of texts as products of their time: a study of it will teach us to read in context and to understand the influences over the author. Meaning only happens when a reader and text interact and this willingness to interact with ideas which are sometimes far removed from our own experiences (and sometimes not) is central to the study of English Literature. Through learning how to express our own opinions and intellectual, or even visceral responses to the ideas expressed by writers in analytical and formal ways, we develop our own confident critical voices; a skill which is invaluable in University study of a broad range of subjects. The ability to read any content with a deeper appreciation and investigation is an essential skill that will only increase in importance as the platform for sharing news and views — that will be published — grows.

If you choose to study English Literature at A Level, you will be exposed to a rich variety of challenging, thought provoking and sometimes shocking texts: *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Frankenstein*, *Othello*, along with modern drama and poetry. Discussion is at the heart of all we do and the subject is heavily dependent on independent thinking. The subject is widely considered to promote some of the most transferable skills, benefitting your study of other subjects along with enriching your own experience of the world.



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This week's content
Week commencing 25th November

VIDEO: The dangers of self-diagnosing mental illness on social media and questions to ask yourself by Fiona Yassin, Founder and Clinical Director of The Wave Clinic

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Bonus Content
PODCAST: A mother's personal story of supporting a child with a mental illness

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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/VvjiweniSwUXzCbb6>

Find out more at <https://www.corridorprojects.org.uk/days-of-wonder>

HELP NEEDED - CHARITY FUND RAISING BAKE SALE NEXT WEEK.



Wednesday (27th) Break and Lunchtime.
Outside near MUGA if dry. In MA3 if wet.

Most cakes 50p.
(Cash only please)

Year 8 students and parents, we need you to get your 'Bake-Off' vibes going

- We need donations of cakes, cookies etc.
- Please get students to bring them to MA3 on Wednesday morning.



The Hummingbird Project



FOOD SOS CAMPAIGN ENCOURAGES FOOD DONATIONS AND SUPPORT IN THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS

The Brighton & Hove Food Partnership has revealed that more than 6,300 people rely on food banks, social supermarkets, and community meal providers each week. This includes working adults, 1,400 children, and nearly 660 pensioners.

This snapshot from the recent Emergency Food Network (EFN) report only reflects figures from school holidays, meaning even more children could be in need during term time.

The FOOD SOS campaign was launched in response to the cost of living crisis in 2022. Its purpose is to encourage those who can afford it to donate to their local food bank while also offering useful links to local support for those experiencing food insecurity. Unfortunately, the situation has not improved, and the recent EFN report cites a drop in donations from supermarket bins and larger surplus food donations coordinated by organisations like [Fareshare](#).

A perfect storm has been brewing for quite some time, with the number of people in need of food support starting to outweigh the available food donations. Currently, many food banks are dipping into their own funds to make up the shortfall, but this cannot continue indefinitely.

Join us in supporting our community as part of the city-wide #FoodSOS campaign to increase donations to local food banks and projects.

Here's how you can help:

Convince your workplace to have a food donation collection – [click here](#) for more info.

- **Fundraise** for your local food bank or project.

Spread the word about the current food insecurity plight and encourage friends and family to donate next time they pass a food donation collection bin.

For more information on how to support the FOOD SOS campaign, please visit <https://bhfood.org.uk/foodsos/>. If you are experiencing food insecurity, please visit <https://bhfood.org.uk> and go to our 'Emergency Food' page for a list of helpful links and contacts to support you through this challenging time.

London Mavericks Netball Team are coming to the Brighton Centre next year on Sunday 6th April to play a NSL game against Birmingham Panthers.

Supporters will be able to book tickets for the Brighton Centre fixture when the 'Priority Window' opens on 28th November. Fans who book during this window, which runs until 12th December, will be rewarded with a 15% discount. Tickets will go on general sale at standard prices in the new year.

See the link below to register interest for tickets:

[London Mavericks](#)



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Join us for an amazing Insight Day at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars on 29th November 2024

- Are you currently in Year 10 or 11?
- Are you interested in applying for one of the most respected and prestigious Apprenticeship schemes of its kind in the country?
- Do you want to find out more about opportunities at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars near you?

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and the Engineering Development Trust are hosting an exclusive Insight Day on 29th November. You'll get a chance to learn more about the apprenticeships that they offer, speak to current apprentices and find out how to increase your chances of being successful in an apprenticeship application.

Rolls-Royce have apprenticeship opportunities in a range of areas, not just STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics). Examples of opportunities include in the Interior Trim Centre, Technical Assembly, Sewing, Interior Surface Centre and Robot Operations, Logistics, Milling Machining, Exterior Surface Centre and Assembly Test & Finish, Commercial and Administrative roles

Rolls-Royce Apprenticeships are suitable for people with a wide range of prior experience, interests and educational backgrounds. Come and join us for the day to find out if this could be the right route into your future career.

The event will be held on 29th November at the Training Academy, Rolls-Royce Technology and Logistics Centre, Bognor Regis, PO22 9FJ with lunch and refreshments provided.

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