

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

Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing	Timetable week
Monday 16th December	One
Monday 16th December	Whole school Carol Services (students only)
Thursday 19th December	Final Day of Term
Monday 6th January	INSET Day (school closed for students)
Tuesday 7th January	First day of term

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your children are enjoying the run up to Christmas now that Advent is in full swing.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Community Carols service this Wednesday and to all the students who sung so beautifully. It was wonderful to gather in St Leonard's Church to worship, celebrate the season, and reflect on the incredible story of the first Christmas. We are looking forward to seeing all of our students experience a Carol Service next Monday 16th in Bishop Hannington Church. We remain very grateful to all our partner churches for making these events possible.

A reminder that next Wednesday 18th December is a non-uniform day and also our Christmas lunch day. Students may wear their own clothes on this date in return for a donation to charity, to be made through Parent Pay please. We are aware that not all students enjoy non-uniform days and so rigidly stick to only running two per year - one for our Christmas lunch day, and one for King's Day in the summer.

Thursday 19th December is our final day of term and students will be dismissed by 12:30pm on this date.

We will put out a short Newsletter next week with a round up of the final events of term and a look ahead to January.

I wish you all a festive, joyful weekend.

Mrs Price

Last Day of Term and Start of Next Term

Our final day of term is Thursday 19th December. Students will have normal lessons on this day, as well as celebration assemblies. Please note that students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will be dismissed at 12:25pm on this date, and students in Year 10 and Year 11 will be dismissed at 12:30pm on this date. There will not be amendments to the public bus timetable so students should plan their journeys home accordingly. Our final days of term are just as important as any other school day, and we do expect full attendance as usual. We look forward to marking the end of this term and the start of the Christmas period with your children.

The first day of next term is Monday 6th January. This is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all students. **All students should return for an 8:30am start as usual on Tuesday 7th January.**

Student of the Week

Year 7 Poppy T for her excellent work in languages

Year 8 Millie M for consistently being a good role model to others in the class

Year 10 Henry T in 10B for hard work in Maths



Support over the Christmas period

We recognise that the Christmas break can be difficult for many families and we want to ensure that people who need support know where to access help. You will find below a list of services that may be helpful to you, or a family you may know, over the Christmas break. Our Safeguarding Team are in school until we break up on Thursday 19th December so please do get in touch with them via the dsl@kingsschoolhove.org.uk should you wish discuss any matter with them ahead of the break.

Mental Health Support for adults and children:
[Brighton and Hove Wellbeing Service - urgent support](#)

[Samaritans](#)

Child Protection:
[Childline](#)

[Front Door for Families Brighton - if you are worried about a child](#)

Food banks:
<http://www.brightonfoodbank.org.uk/>

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://bhfood.org.uk/>

Domestic Abuse:
[Women's Gateway Brighton](#)

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/adult-social-care/keep-people-safe/help-domestic-abuse>

[Rise - freedom from domestic abuse](#)

Alcohol and Drug Addiction:
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/alcohol-or-drug-misuse>

<https://www.oasisproject.org.uk/>

Theme of the Week: Why do we need?..... Languages

In a post-Brexit world, languages are even more vital to securing important international economic relationships. French and Spanish have been highlighted in the top 3 languages which are most crucial for the UK's economic prosperity.

British Council, 2017

Studying a language helps to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, adaptability and leadership abilities which are valued transferable skills for many career paths.

Studying a language can add between 10-15% to your salary.

Guardian, 2010

Languages are a huge asset when travelling and can help you to better engage with foreign cultures and make new friends from across the globe.

Many studies have shown that studying a language improves your brain functionality, for instance your memory, which can help improve performance in other subjects.

The Telegraph, 2018

In an increasingly globalized world, 70% of UK businesses value foreign language skills and actively seek these skills in their employees.

British Chamber of Commerce, 2016

58% of adults regret losing the language skills that they gained at school.

British Council Survey

Advantages of studying languages at King's

- smaller GCSE classes
- excellent teaching
- the best GCSE results in Spanish across RET (average grade 7 in summer 2024)
- improved cultural awareness and tolerance
- study through music and visuals
- develop your confidence, spontaneity and vocabulary and understanding of the world around us

Head of Department: Mr Leach

Subject Teachers: Mrs Banks, Ms Métrieu, Ms González

Trips: Paris 2023, Cantabria and Asturias 2024, Lille 2025, Northern Spain 2026

King's School Christmas 2024 Events

We have several school events planned to celebrate the Christmas season. Key dates are below.



Date	Event
Monday 16th 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</i>
Wednesday 18th 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. Please use the link in your child's</i>

We kindly remind you to check and top up your child's school meals account to ensure they have sufficient funds for their meals.

Please log in to the payment portal to check the balance and make any necessary payments at your earliest convenience.



Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of our outreach to our local community during Advent we have historically run a reverse Advent calendar, collecting items local charities. Once again this year, we are asking for donations for our local foodbank, run out of Oasis church. In addition, we would also like to support the work of **Fresh Start Community Association** whose Christmas Cheer Project, provides hampers of food and presents to families and individuals facing challenging circumstances in the city. You can find out more about these projects on the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership website

[Oasis Foodbank – Brighton and Hove Food Partnership \(bhfood.org.uk\)](http://bhfood.org.uk)

and the Freshstart webpage

<https://www.freshstartbrighton.org.uk/christmas-cheer.html>



For our reverse advent calendar this year we would like students to bring in donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items (particularly those that could go in a Christmas Hamper) or a new gift for an individual of any age. We will be collecting items between 4th December and 17th December. Items will be collected in form rooms and gathered together at the end of term to be given to the charities.

We know that some families may be unable to make a contribution. If any student would like to participate but cannot provide an item, they would be welcome to collect an item to donate from Mrs Vincent's office. If you would like to make a financial donation, please do so through the ParentPay link in your child's account. Financial contributions will be split evenly between these two charities.

Attendance

Congratulations to 10G who achieved 100% attendance this week - with 9G, 8P, 8E and 8C not far behind on 98%! Well done!!"

A significant number of our students are members of the Coptic Orthodox Church. I am writing to ensure clarity on what the school will and will not authorise in terms of time off school to celebrate Coptic Orthodox Christmas.

We will authorise **one day** of absence per student for Orthodox Christmas celebrations. If you wish to request a day's absence you should contact us via attendance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk making clear which date you are requesting for the absence.

I hope that it is helpful for you to have this advance notice and clarity.

Enrichment

On the 29th November we held our first enrichment day of the year. Students from all year groups took part in a range of different activities and experiences.

Half of Year 7 went to Herstmonceux Observatory and Science Centre whilst the other half of the year group were in school to experience a Dicken's themed Christmas theatre performance.

The Year 8s went on a whole year group walk on the downs. This was the first time we have taken a whole year group on to the downs, and the students were excellent. We look forward to making the most of our situation backing onto the South Down's National Park, in the future.

Year 9 had an incredibly important Careers themed day. As well as exploring options for their futures they had the opportunity to meet with and ask questions of a large number of local employers. We hope this will come in useful as they make their GCSE options in the new year.

Year 10 were either in school exploring sustainability or visiting Hampton Court Palace. The students in school used sustainable resources to produce sushi, investigated the safety of sea water collected from the local coast, and planted wild flowers around the school site.

Year 11 had a day looking at revision techniques and exam wellbeing as well as completing some fun activities and having some free time to take part in activities at a more relaxed pace to their usual lessons.

Year 12 and 13 had an incredibly important day learning British Sign Language.

We will be sharing further information regarding the second enrichment day of the year on 29th March.





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 Parents and Students - King's Sixth Form

Final Deadline to apply - Thursday 19th December.

Apply here [King's School Hove](#)

We look forward to receiving your application!

More details of courses can be found here

[King's School Hove](#)



Sixth Form

27 to 31 January

We're excited to announce the return of our Think Cambridge series.

This is a series of webinars to inspire Year 11 (S4 for Scotland, Year 12 for NI, or equivalent) and 12 (S5 for Scotland, Lower Sixth, or equivalent) students to apply to Cambridge.

[Find out more](#)



Sixth Form Highlights: What we've been up to

Fun Fridays Continue in Sixth Form!

The Sixth Form has been buzzing with creativity and engagement as Fun Fridays keep everyone on their toes.

On 29th November, during an enrichment day, we had the pleasure of welcoming Caroline Palmer and her team from Deaf Kidz International, who delivered a captivating British Sign Language (BSL) session. Students participated in an interactive "Sign and Dine" experience, where they learned to order food using sign language.

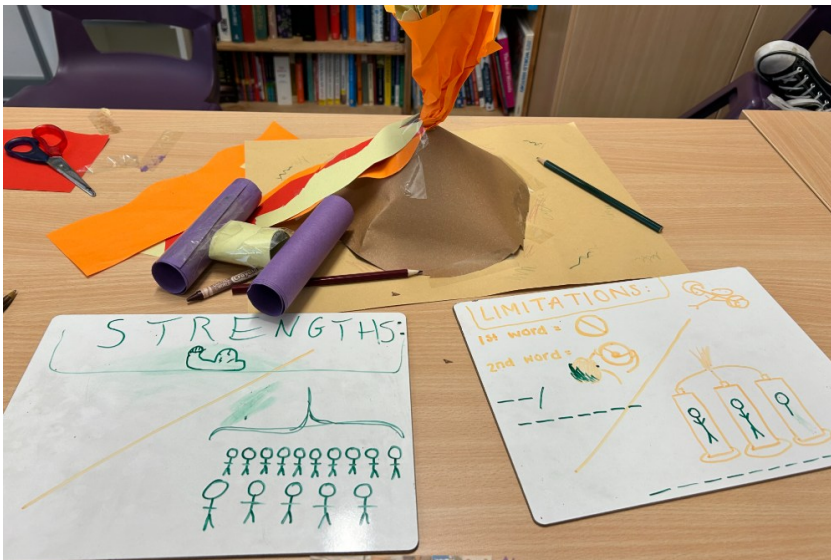
To build on this, all Sixth Formers are now enrolled in an introductory BSL online course. Upon completion, they will receive a CPD-certified certificate, marking their achievement. As a follow-up, Ms Tamplin will launch a BSL Club in the New Year, open to all year groups. The club will run during Friday lunchtimes and promises to be a fantastic opportunity for everyone to learn more about sign language and the Deaf community. Looking ahead, we are also planning fundraising efforts for Deaf Kidz International during Deaf Awareness Week in May.

If you'd like to get involved or learn more, please reach out to Ms Tamplin in So1.

Fun Fridays - Psychology in Action

Creativity has taken centre stage in psychology lessons, where students have been exploring different types of experiments. Their challenge? To represent these visually or creatively—without using a single word! This exercise has inspired imaginative and thought-provoking approaches to understanding experimental psychology.





Compassion Charity Update

A huge **thank you** to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts this year. **King's School Hove** has raised an incredible **£2,136.67** for **Compassion's Education Interventions** programme.

The funds have already had a life-changing impact, including:

- Supporting **Beamlak**, a young man from Ethiopia sponsored by King's School. Our Year 10 Prefects maintain correspondence with him, and this Christmas, the additional funds enabled us to send him a special gift.
- Funding projects such as providing **computers to children in Tanzania**, giving them access to essential IT skills and brighter futures.

Contributing to education programmes that have helped **28 young people achieve university degrees**, once thought out of reach.

These achievements are a result of Sixth Form-led initiatives during **Culture Week, Culture and Diversity Day**, and **King's Day** at the end of last academic year. Together, our school community has shown that small efforts—like cake sales—can create monumental change for those in need.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to sharing more success stories in the future!





Certificate Of Appreciation

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Thank you for raising £2,136.67 for
Compassion's Education interventions.

Justin Dowds
CEO, Compassion UK



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Bolivia



Year 7 and 8 Indoor Athletics

Both our year 7 and 8 indoor athletic teams took part in the Brighton and Hove event last week. The event includes a range of different sprint events, as well as adapted field events such as long and vertical jumps. It was great to see all our students compete against the best athletes in other B&H schools, and perform to their best. Outstanding performances with the followings students winning their races/events: Stella, Gabby, Alessio, Ronnie, Isla and Sofia!

Overall results:

Year 7 boys and girls - both 4th place

Year 8 boys and girls - both 2nd place

Year 8 girls missed out on 1st place by two points!

Huge well done to all the students who took part!



After Christmas there are two Cross Country competitions running: Brighton and Hove XC - 8th January & Sussex XC - 14th Jan. If you think this is something your child would like to get involved in, please email Mr Cornell on pe@kingschoolhove.org.uk, or ask your child to come and see me next week. I will aim to let students know before the holidays if they are competing in the XC races.



Historian of the Fortnight

King Callum!

11.12.2024– 18.12.2024

Callum is our King this week in 11A! Callum is so incredibly deserving of this award for so many reasons. He is the most tireless historian who excels in developing his analytical writing, his knowledge and understanding of the exam requirements. He has approached the Cold War topic with vigor and positivity. He hates homework but always completes it to the highest of standards and is a support for those in our class who look to Callum for guidance and instruction. A well respected, all round royal.

Very well done!



Naomi LI

05.12.2024 – 19.12.2024

Naomi is our reigning Historian of the Fortnight in 11C! Naomi has achieved this royal honour for her continued hard work, not only in lessons but the agility and determination she has shown, with being put on the spot in class to deliver answers and make critical analysis. Her focus has enabled Naomi to achieve Grades of 7 and above in assessments, as she is applying herself more greatly. Her classmates have commented on her hard work and success. One to watch!

Well done Naomi!



Historian of the Fortnight

Alex E

05.12.2024 – 19.12.2024

Alex is our reigning Historian of the Fortnight in 11C! Alex brings a sense of calm and focus to each lesson and is highly respected by peers who seek him out for support/reassurance of answers. Alex is always positive when he enters the lesson, and works with real tenacity. His recent results have reflected his hard work and developed knowledge of which the department could not be more proud. Keep up the excellent work Alex!

Well done Alex!



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Ham, Cheese, Tuna, Chicken
Mayo, Egg Mayo

DRINKS

- 125ml Radnor Drink Carton
- Small Water/Generation Juice
- 8oz Slush

5.5OZ POTS

- Selection of Fruit Pots
- Selection of Jelly Pots
- Selection of Yoghurt Pots
- Piece of fruit

HOMEBAKES

- Mini Muffin
- Mini Cookie
- Mini Shortbread
- Mini Flapjack



* Not all items are available everyday

TARIFF SEPTEMBER 2024

DRINKS	PRICE	BREAKFAST	PRICE
Water 500ml	£1.10	Breakfast Roll	£1.55
Fruit Slush – Med/Lrg	£1.10/£1.45	Mini Breakfast Baguette	£1.55
Capri Sun	£1.30	3 Piece Breakfast Pot	£2.10
Dalston Cans	£1.40	Toast with Butter or Jam	£0.35
Radnor 200ml Carton	£1.10	Pancake with Topping	£1.25
Milk / Flavoured Carton	£1.10	Waffle with Topping	£1.65
HOMEBAKES		Pastries & Croissants	£1.65
Muffins	£1.30	Cereals + Milk (8oz)	£1.00
Small Cakes	£1.00	Porridge for Staff	£1.00
Cookies/Brownie	£1.30	Porridge for Students	Free
Chocolate/Cheese Straw	£1.30	Porridge Toppings	£0.45
HOT GRAB & GO		COLD GRAB & GO	
Ciabatta/Bagel	£2.65	Blue Dot Roll	£1.10
Panini – Half/Whole	£1.55/£2.65	Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich	£2.20
Toastie - Half/Whole	£1.10/£2.20	Wrap	£2.65
Korean Crispy Chicken	£2.65	Naturally – Premium Salad	£3.00
Tandoori Chicken Naan	£3.00	Basic Baguette/Premium Baguette	£2.35/£2.65
Wrap/Twister	£2.65	Half Baguette	£1.55
Chicken Wings	£2.30	Cold Pasta Pot 16oz	£2.50
Shawarma	£2.65	Vegetable Sticks with Houmous	£1.60
Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£1.55	Protein Pots	£1.00
Chicken Fajita Taco Boat	£3.00	Salad Pots	£2.00
Hot Bowls	£2.65	Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots	£1.00
Hot Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg	£2.20/£2.50	Whole Fruit	£0.55
Jacket Potato – 1 Topping	£2.10		
ALL POWER BITES			
Range of 8oz Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.30		

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Blue Dot Roll	£1.10	Shawarma	£2.65
Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich	£2.20	Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£1.55
Wrap	£2.65	Chicken Fajita Taco Boat	£3.00
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Basic Baguette/Premium Baguette	£2.35/£2.65	Hot Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg	£2.20/£2.50
Half Baguette	£1.55	Jacket Potato – 1 Topping	£2.10
Cold Pasta Pot 16oz	£2.50	ALL POWER BITES	
Vegetable Sticks with Houmous	£1.60	Range of 8oz Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.30
Protein Pots	£1.00	SOUP	
Salad Pots	£2.00	Fresh Soup Available Daily	£1.80
Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots	£1.00		
Whole Fruit	£0.55		

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WEBINAR

— The —
Wellbeing Hub
— from Teen Tips —

This week's content
Wednesday 18th December,
6:30pm GMT

WEBINAR: Understanding the current landscape for boys and young men with Amy Forbes-Robertson, Author and Founding Director of It Happens Education and Ben Hurst, Director of Facilitation at Beyond Equality

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ART AND MEDIA SATURDAY CLUB

- + 1 February
- + 8 February
- + 15 February
- + Years 8 and 9
- + 10:30–13:00
- + City Campus

Take part in workshops on multiple subjects, exploring fashion textiles and communications and screen printing, with the theme of sustainability running throughout.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

More information outreach@brighton.ac.uk



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FREE

GEOGRAPHY, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB

- + 1 February
- + 8 February
- + 15 February
- + Years 10 and 11
- + 10:00–13:00
- + Moulsecoomb Campus

Explore how we encounter nature locally and internationally, investigating people-nature interactions, look at the monitoring and mapping of wildlife movements, and get involved with forensic animal ecology.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

For more information contact outreach@brighton.ac.uk



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SPORTS SATURDAY CLUB

- + 1 February
- + 8 February
- + 15 February
- + Years 7 and 8
- + 10:00 – 14:00
- + Falmer Campus

Take part in exciting practical sport and sport science activities which will give you an insight into different ways you can pursue sport at university and as a career. Sessions will include a variety of sports activities and games, experiments in our sport labs, and challenges in our strength and conditioning suite.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

More information outreach@brighton.ac.uk



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FREE

FORMULA 24 SATURDAY CLUB

- + 1 March
- + 15 March
- + 29 March
- + 12 April
- + Race day 27 April
- + Years 8 and 9
- + 10:00–14:00
- + Moulsecoomb Campus

Work in teams to build, test-drive and race a Formula 24 electric racing car. Take part in a variety of fun engineering activities and a local race heat against regional teams at Goodwood Motor Circuit.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

For more information contact outreach@brighton.ac.uk

