

The LORD is my light  
and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is  
the stronghold  
of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
Psalm 27:1

**Theme of the week:**  
**Big Questions**  
**Can we really trust the  
bible?**

### *Dates for your Diary*

<b>Week Commencing Monday 24th February</b>	Timetable week Two
<b>Monday 17th - Friday 21st February</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 24th February—Tuesday 4th March</b>	Year 11 and Year 13 Mocks
<b>Monday 24th March</b>	Year 9 Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccina- tions

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see the school's production of Oliver! last night with many of you. As always, I am in awe of the talent and hard work of our students. A huge thank you to every student that was involved in the production this year - on stage, back stage and in the stage band. I hope that you all enjoyed your experience of being part of this show and that you've grown in confidence and self-belief from it. The teachers who make these experiences possible are genuinely amazing people who give their time and energies selflessly to give students memories that will last a lifetime. We are very blessed to have Mrs Grosvenor, Mrs Brennan and Ms Woods at King's and all the other staff who supported the production by making sets, doing sound/lighting, working front of house and backstage, and making the site work for the production and the day to day operation of the school. Any school production is a significant team effort and team King's has absolutely done us all proud this year!

Students and staff are now very ready for a break and I hope that you all have a restful and restorative half term. Year 11 and Year 13 students will want to balance much needed rest with revision for their forthcoming mock exams which start immediately on our return. Learning to pace themselves through exams, complete the necessary amount of independent work, and look after their health and wellbeing is an important life skill that we support them with at King's. As parents/carers you can support them by reminding them to eat well, take exercise and get a good amount of sleep. It can also be hugely helpful to remove their phones/devices from them for periods of time to support their revision efforts!

Have a great half term break.

Mrs Price

## Student of the Week

**Year 8** Jamie P - for improving his punctuality

**Year 9** Freya H for a nomination in maths from Ms. Furr

**Year 10** Adam W



## Theme of the Week: Can we really trust the Bible?

This week we approached our final Big Question of term, asking if our students think we can trust the Bible or not. We looked at common contradictions throughout the Bible and discussed the reasons the Bible can be referenced as a credible source of information for believers to refer to.



## Parent Prayer Group

The Parent Prayer group meets to pray together for King's School, and is open to all parents who want to engage in Christian prayer together. We meet in Meeting Room 1 (opposite the school office) on some Thursday mornings from 9.15am-10.00am.

Upcoming dates for this term are: 27th February, 13th March, and 27th March.

We also have a what's app group if you'd like to receive prayer points and updates. Contact [Amanda.roberts81@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Amanda.roberts81@hotmail.co.uk)

## Vaccinations

### Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination (Teenage Booster vaccination)

**Yr9:** The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Monday 24th March** to administer the Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations (previously known as the Teenage Booster vaccination) to students in Year 9. Parents and carers of Year 9 students will have received an email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for these vaccinations.

**Yr10 & 11:** Most students will have received these vaccinations in Yr9. However, If your child is in Year 10 or 11 and they have not had these vaccinations and you would like them to have them in school, please contact the office via [admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk) as soon as possible so that the consent form can be sent to you. Please note that we do not hold information regarding previous immunisations. If you are not sure whether your Yr10 or Yr11 child has had this immunisation, you will need to contact the Immunisation

Team on: **01273 696011 x3789**

Please note that vaccinations will not be given without parental consent.



## Attendance

"Huge congratulations to Year 7 - you had the highest attendance % of all the year groups this half-term. Particular congratulations to 7C and 7R who achieved over our 96% target! Well done!"

## Year 11 and 13 Mocks and the Half term

The second and final set of mocks will start on the first day back after half term and run until the following Tuesday.

### Practicalities

- These will run in exactly the same way as the last set of mocks in November and the results will be sent home in the same way.
- We do keep the canteen open at break time when we know exams will be running late. Sometimes, this is not possible. We recommend students bring in a breaktime snack and a drink in case this is the situation.

When exams are not running normal lessons will run. Students will be expected to attend those lessons. Teachers may run revision sessions or provide revision material. We recommend that students bring in revision materials (books, notes etc.) in case they have an opportunity in a lesson to complete some independent revision.

### Revision and Half term

The half term period is really important as a preparation for these mocks. No revision will ever be wasted as the topics being revised for these mocks will also come up in the final exams. We recommend students revise on most days of the break - making sure there is time for some periods of rest and relaxation.

They have access to revision resources on Microsoft Teams (they use their school login to access this) as well as on [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com) (they log in with the same details) and will have resources given to them by their teachers. This is a really busy time and a stressful period. Doing work now means less panic and pressure as we approach the real exams in May. On the other hand, burning out now will not be a good idea - so check that your child is having some breaks and opportunities to relax.

If your child is finding it difficult knowing how to revise some resources you could look at together are this video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPxSzyIRCI&embeds\\_referring\\_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.learningscientists.org%2F&source\\_ve\\_path=MzY4NDIsMjg2NiY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPxSzyIRCI&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.learningscientists.org%2F&source_ve_path=MzY4NDIsMjg2NiY) and this website [The Learning Scientists](http://The Learning Scientists)

### Exam rules reminders

We run these exams according to all the rules we have to observe in the real GCSE exams, including the rules around access arrangements. Some key reminders:

- Phones and watches must not be on or in pockets during exams, rather turned off and in a bag. Every year we have had a student who has had an exam cancelled due to not following this rule.
- Pencil cases and water bottles must be see-through.

Please bring in all appropriate equipment - especially for maths and science exams. We have a very limited stock of equipment for students to borrow so it is really important students come fully equipped.

Best wishes

Mr Stevenson

## Year 11 and 13 Mocks and the Half term

The Mock exam timetable is here for Year 11s

Year 11 GCSE Mock exams	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February	Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 4th March
<b>Morning</b>	English Language Paper 2	Biology	English Literature Paper 1	Maths Paper 2	Physics	English Language Paper 1	National Reference Test
<b>Mid-morning</b>	Normal Lessons	Spanish Listening Higher	Spanish Listening Foundation	French and Spanish Reading (H and F)	French Listening Higher	French Listening Foundation	Normal Lessons
<b>Afternoon</b>	Maths Paper 1	Option C (Business, Geography, History, Music, RP)	Chemistry	Option B (Geography, Food, PE, Spanish writing, RP)	Option D (Business, Computer Science, Media, History, French and Spanish writing, RP)	Option A (Drama, Computer Science, Geography, History, DT, RP)	Maths Paper 3

and here for Year 13s

Year 13 A Level Mock exams	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February	Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 4th March
<b>Morning</b>	Sociology Computer Science French Biology Geography	Maths Psychology	Chemistry Physics Sociology French	Chemistry Physics English Psychology		Biology Economics	Maths Psychology Spanish
<b>Mid-morning</b>							
<b>Afternoon</b>	Spanish Chemistry Physics Geography	Biology English Economics Religious Studies	Maths Geography	Further Maths Geography		Further Maths Sociology	Further Maths English Computer Science Psychology

## Support over the half term break

We recognise that school holidays 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 half term break. Our Safeguarding Team can be contacted via [dsl@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:dsl@kingschoolhove.org.uk) should you wish to raise any safeguarding issues that have occurred over 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](#)

### **For families facing challenging and violent behaviour from their child:**

[www.pegssupport.co.uk](http://www.pegssupport.co.uk)

[\[capafirstresponse.org\]capafirstresponse.org](http://capafirstresponse.org)

<https://www.newboldhope.org/>

### **Alcohol and Drug Addiction:**

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

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



## Historian of the Fortnight

### Gabriel S 10.02.2025 – 03.03.2025

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Long live the king!

Well done Gabriel!



### Evie-Mae T 13.02.2025 – 04.03.2025

Evie Mae is our current Historian of the Fortnight! This achievement is a testament to her hard work and dedication to her studies. Her recent performance in the Germany mock exam showed significant progress, particularly in her source analysis and the structure of her answers. Evie Mae consistently puts in great effort across all lessons and has gained more confidence in responding to questions. I'm incredibly proud of her, as she always submits her homework on time, is well-liked by her classmates, and consistently presents her work to a high standard.

Long live the Queen!



# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025

This week we celebrated national apprenticeship week across the school.

Lots of subjects have spent time looking at the many different options that are now available via the apprenticeship route.

Check out the following for lots of information and links.

[Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

## National Apprenticeship Week 2025: What's on offer?

Join us 10-16 February to get clued up about apprenticeships.

### More on apprenticeships



**Quiz: Which apprenticeship would suit you best?**



**Podcast: Is an apprenticeship right for me?**





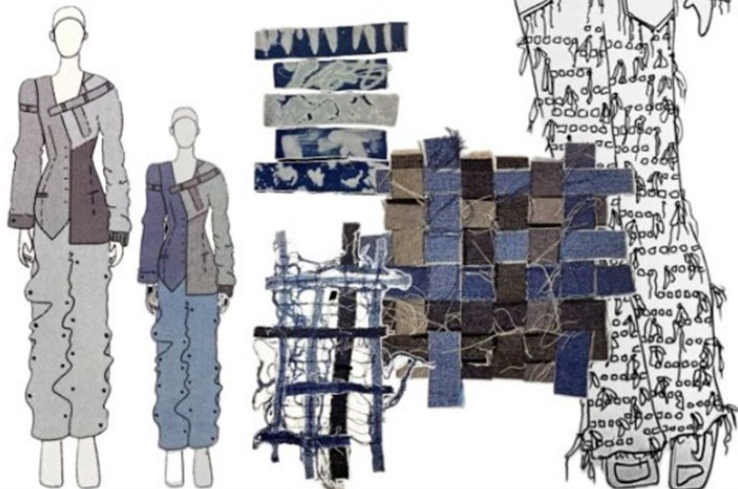
# YFD UK Eco Thread Challenge 2025

YOUNG FASHION DESIGNER UK

Textiles innovation is transforming the fashion industry, making it more sustainable, functional, and high performing.

YFD UK is a competition aimed at redefining the future of fashion through textiles innovation. The competition seeks to empower young designers, engineers, and innovators to create groundbreaking fabrics that align with the values of sustainability, functionality and creativity.

Are you ready to transform the threads of yesterday into the fabric of tomorrow?



Join the YFD UK 2025 Eco Thread Challenge and help change the future of fashion!  
Deadline for entries - Monday 19th May 2025

## Calling all fashion and textiles designers, ready for a challenge!!

Open to year 8 students

Starting the 5th of March

DT 5 Wednesday lunch times

# START YOUR DAY WITH A FREE BOWL OF PORRIDGE

Also available to staff with the purchase of any hot drink, or **£1.00** without a drink

## ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS

Mixed Berries 45p

Honey 45p

Other Toppings 45p



Supporting Dyslexia and Literacy Difficulties at  
Primary and Secondary School

Brighton and Hove Inclusion Support Services

# BHISS Literacy Team Parents' and Carers' Open Evening – FREE

Open to all parents/carers with questions  
about their children's literacy development  
– no need to book, just come along!  
Children & young people welcome!

- Meet the Literacy SEN specialist teachers to get tips and strategies to support your child with literacy
- Presentation from the BHISS Literacy Team on **SPELLING**
- Demonstration of a range of useful resources and games
- Assistive technology – with an emphasis on free features and apps to support spelling

Parent Power!

Join LEAPS - parents' group

Share support, information, ideas

Have your voices heard

Stalls with:

Dyslexia friendly books, resources and games

Book Nook Children's Bookshop

Ransom publisher with books to buy – cash only

## PARKING

Please note there is limited parking available in the school car park. Please see the map for parking. There is some on street pay & display parking available too.

The school is near the Old Shoreham Road and The Drive bus routes.

Date: Wednesday, 13th March 2024

Time: 6 pm - 7.30 pm – presentation at 6pm

Venue: Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College

The Upper Drive,

Hove BN3 6ND



# The Wellbeing Hub



 We are proud to support the whole school community with

— The —  
**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.**

**BEGIN YOUR FREE MEMBERSHIP**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**



 **PODCAST**



**This week's content**

Week commencing 17th February

PODCAST: Supporting boys' friendships with Fredi Beard, Director of Operations at Voicebox

**Listen now: [club.teentips.co.uk](http://club.teentips.co.uk)**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

**JOIN THIRDSPACE YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY - No experience needed!**

**We run weekly classes and rehearsals.**

You can attend a **free trial session** and we have **FREE** and **discounted places** for those from **low income families**. Join us for acting, games, and work towards big shows in big venues, like Brighton Dome, ACCA, and more!

**When are the clubs?**

On **Mondays** from 4-5:30pm. Valley Site Hove Park School.

**How do you sign up?**

Interested? Sign up [online](#) now or email [info@thirdspacetheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@thirdspacetheatre.co.uk) to book a place!

If you can't make either of these, we have loads of other clubs going on around the city, including Stage Combat, Drama, and Theatre Writing. Get in touch!

**Don't miss out!**

