

Headteacher's Update

No 286 21st March 2025

Theme of the week: Biblical Characters/Stories: Esther



Week Commencing Monday 24th March
Timetable week Two

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th March	Year 9 Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations
Friday 28th March	Enrichment Day 2
Tuesday 1st April	Easter Communion Services in school
Wednesday 2 nd April	GCSE practical drama exam
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term. Students dismissed at 12:25pm (KS3) or 12:30pm (KS4 and KS5)
Tuesday 22nd April	INSET day. School closed to all students
Wednesday 23rd April	Start of the Summer Term. All students in for an 8:30am start as usual

Key Events this week

Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition practical exams take place on Monday and Tuesday this week. Students completed a full run through recently and will know exactly what ingredients they require and the plan for the days.

Enrichment Day 2 runs on Friday this week. Please note this is a normal school day in terms of attendance and all students in all year groups are expected to attend as usual. Students will be off timetable all day engaged in various activities in school and off site as below.

Year 7: Globe Players or Herstmonceux

Year 8: Frontline Living History in school

Year 9: Either trip to Ypres, or Stanmer Park or exploring Benfield Valley

Year 10: Compassion UK in school or Art students visit the Tate modern.

Year 11: specialist Religion and Philosophy lessons and working on their option subjects.

We hope everyone has a great day and that the weather is kind to us!

Year 11 RP GCSE drop-in intervention sessions

Tuesday lunchtime in RP2 and Friday lunchtime from 12:50 in RP3

Last Day of Term

Our final day of term is Friday 4th April. Sixth Form students are not required to attend on this date. All other students should arrive in school for an 8:30am start as usual in full school uniform. Full attendance is expected on this date, as on any other school day. Students will have normal lessons and celebration assemblies during the course of the morning. Students will have a 30 minute break for brunch - students in receipt of free school meals will be able to use their full daily allowance during this break. Key Stage 3 students will be dismissed at 12:25pm and Key Stage 4 students at 12:30pm. No amendments will be made to bus timetables so students will need to check their travel home in advance.

Student of the Week

Year 8 Olive J for demonstrating school value of responsibility by regularly picking up other people's litter on the MUGA at the end of lunch.

Year 10 Stepan B for great work in English and RP!



Enrichment

On Friday 28th March we will be holding our second enrichment day of the year.

- The two sides of the year in year 7 will be swapping activities from December so that all students have the opportunity to visit Herstmonceux Observatory and to see the Globe Players Theatre group.
- Year 8 will be having an immersive History experience when Frontline Living History will be in school to deliver workshops about the experiences of soldiers during the first world war.
- Year 9 are taking part in three different events. Firstly, the Year group are off to Ypres in Belgium to visit the WW1 battlefields. The students back in school will be having one of two local experiences; they will either be visiting the AMEX stadium and Stanmer Park or will be exploring Benfield Valley Nature Reserve.
- Year 10 will be taking part in a cultural day. They will be raising money for Compassion UK who will be in school to explain their work to the year group. In addition, they will play a range of sports from around the world to gain an understanding of different cultures. Art students will be out of school on this day as they head off to London to visit the Tate modern.
- Year 11 students will be in school where they will have specialist Religion and Philosophy lessons and as well as working on their option subjects.

Our Drama department is seeking a second-hand IKEA 8 Slot Kallax unit (ideally with inserts but not essential), to be donated as a prop to the school.

If you do have one that you no longer use, please can you email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Many thanks, The Drama Team



Vaccinations

Year 9: Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination

The Immunisation Team are coming into school on **Monday 24th March to** administer the Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations (previously known as the Teenage Booster vaccination).

If you have completed the consent form for your child to receive these vaccinations, please encourage them to eat breakfast on the day and wear a short-sleeved shirt if possible.

If you have any queries regarding the vaccination, please contact the Immunisation Team on: 01273 696011 x3789



Attendance

Congratulations to 10P who achieved 99% attendance this week - with 11E, 7R, and 7G not far behind on 98%, and 10E, 7P, and 7C at 97%. Well done!!

Theme of the Week

"This week we focused on the story of Esther, highlighting her bravery, standing up for what is right, and using one's position for a greater purpose.

We also spotlighted Neurodiversity Week and the recent celebration of Purim, the festival observed by Jewish followers".



Year 10 Taster Day

Wednesday 9th July 2025

'An opportunity to experience a day in the life of a sixth form student'



Our Year 10 Taster Day offers the perfect opportunity for prospective students to get a taste of what student life is like here at King's Sixth Form.

You will have the opportunity to experience a range of your preferred A-level lessons throughout the day, meet our inspiring and knowledgeable teachers, ask questions, and explore our facilities. It is also a great chance to meet other potential students.

The day is crafted to offer a positive and inspiring experience, aimed at motivating individuals.

The timetable for the day will be confirmed to you nearer the time.

Applications must be submitted using the Online Application Form. Places are limited so early booking is advisable!

Click here to book your place

Closing date Wednesday 25th June.

Design and Technology results from the Design Ventura competition



We received excellent feedback on our Design Ventura competition entry

"Stunning presentation, lovely sketches and logo and a clear structure to the sheets. We'd have liked to see these sketching skills also turned to show us additional views e.g. the interior of the bag, how it can be converted into different carrying styles, etc.".

"Good to see market research into comparable packaging, and we're intrigued by the cocoon idea - we'd have loved to see a prototype".

"We're intrigued by the moth connection but wonder if it could be better tied to the bag's actual use: consider expanding the product's features or strengthening the thematic connection to moths in some way, e.g. incorporate fuzzy textiles to emulate a moth's furry body, which could then also function as a sensory/'fidget toy' component".

"Overall attention to detail, visuals, and existing market shows sophisticated design thinking - well done for the design team at Design Ventura!"

Well done year 9!

Mrs Griffith

KS3 Netball Results

Year 7 v Cardinal Newman (16-0 win). Player of the match went to Ottilie A and Players Player went to Claudia H Year 8 v Hove Park (21-0 win).

Year 9 v Cardinal Newman (16-10 loss). Player of the match went to Neve T & Players Player went to Erin P



Oracy Project

Ms Griffiths and I have been working with some KS3 pupils on an Oracy project this half-term, where they have had to write speeches about something 'in my world'.

The project started with a launch event at Blatchington Mill school, where King's and all the other secondary schools in Brighton and Hove were hosted to introduce the project and to play ice breaker games.

We have then run in school sessions looking at what makes a good speech and reflected upon what pupils would like their speech to be about.

Pupils have had time in school to research, write up and practise their speeches.

On Thursday this week, pupils visited Sussex University (see below for a pupils account on what we did!).

Next week we will be asking pupils to present so we can pick our school winner. Our winner will go up against winners from all the secondary schools in Brighton and Hove. All pupils who have taken part will attend a celebration evening at Sussex University.

Stayed tuned to find out who our winner is, and if they win the overall competition!

Mrs Dendy-Arto





On Thursday the 20th of March 2025, we went to the university of Sussex to go to the mooting room. Throughout the day we took part in activities like acting court cases, ordering a handful of rights from most to least important and saying a quote from a famous person in front of the group. My personal favourite was saying the quote because it was good practice for speaking in front of a group, and we also got to warm up with tongue-twisters. (River)



British Science Week

Science Week went with a bang at King's with lots of activities taking place. Our students flocked to the science corridor at lunchtime all week to see some spectacular demonstrations, including elephant's toothpaste, the Van der Graaf generator, a screaming jelly baby and the dissection of an enormous ox heart!

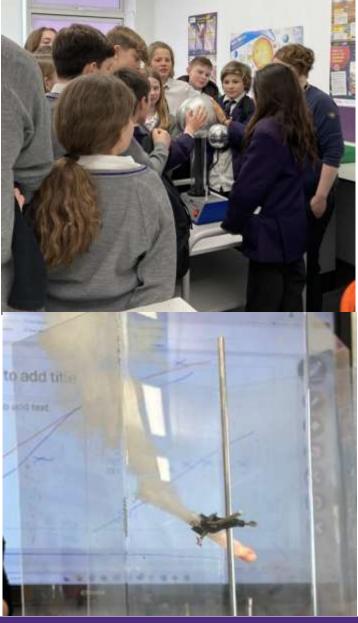
In addition, KS3 students have taken part in a Periodic Table challenge, which was won by Hannah A In year 7 and a lunchtime quiz which was won by year 8 students.

Year 7 students have also submitted some fantastic entries to our annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science poster competition and the winners will be announced soon.

There is still time to take part in the national British Science Week poster competition. This is open to all students and the information is on Bromcom.







Swim Team

Congratulations to our swim team on a brilliant performance on Wednesday at the Brighton and Hove Swim Gala. We had some excellent individual and team performances:

Y7/8 IM Relay – 2nd place!

Gabby R

Lois L

Dylan M

Ezra S

Boys Y7/8 Freestyle Relay – 2nd place!

Dylan M

Ezra S

Barney A

Noah L

Girls Y9/10 Freestyle Relay – 3rd place!

Coco S

Alice S

Erin P

Izzy C

Girls Y7/8 Freestyle Relay – 4th place

Gabby R

Lois L

Sophie V

Poppy S

Individual Performances:

Izzy C: 100m IM – Gold! & 50m Free – Gold! Dylan M: 50m free – Gold! & 100 IM – 3rd place!

This meant we came overall 2nd place in the individual events and our girls' teams came overall 3rd in the female category – despite not having a year 11-13 team!



Swim Team







Work in Theatre

Exciting opportunity for anyone aged 14-16

Easter holiday course with potential for subsidised places

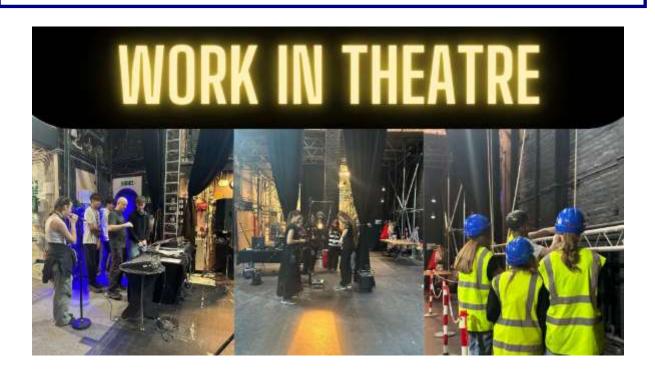
The next **Work in Theatre** course at Theatre Royal Brighton will take place **Monday 7 – Friday 11 April 2025**, 10.30am – 4pm each day.

This course is a hands-on work experience course for young people aged 14 – 17yrs to find out about a wide range of careers within the theatre industry. The course will take the form of workshops, talks and demonstrations as well as guidance on routes into the industry. Participants will find out about and experience Marketing and Communications, Front of House and Customer Service, Stage and Technical including lighting, sound and wardrobe, Theatre Management, and Creative Learning. The week also includes watching a matinee performance of The Shark is Broken.

We have 16 places available for this course. The fee is £150 per person. The Work in Theatre programme is designed to help improve equal access to the industry for young people and we are able to offer a limited number of free and subsidised places to those who are disadvantaged by their socio-economic background, additional needs, Black, Asian & ethnic backgrounds and those in care or previously in care.

Application via this link: https://forms.office.com/e/ib7Uh8h81h application deadline 26 March so be quick!

Any questions or queries please contact <u>jackiealexander@atgentertainment.com</u>







The Wellbeing Hub





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Want to know more about DLD (developmental language disorder)?

Want to meet with other parents/carers living with children and young people with DLD?

Join Catherine Bone, Specialist SEN teacher (BHISS), and Louise Andrews, Specialist Speech and Language Therapist:

- Wednesday 26th March 2025 9.30 -11.30
- Hove Town Hall: meet in person at reception (next to the coffee shop, Norton Road)

This is a great opportunity to:

- Find out more about DLD: what it means and what support is out there.
- Meet other parents/carers of young people in years 7 and 8 to share experiences.
- Find out what parent/carer groups will be available in future.

There are **16 places available** so if you'd like to join us, please reply ASAP to: Andrew.Palmer@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Catherine and Louise will email you to confirm that you have a place.

We look forward to seeing you there!



More information on this link:

https://www.dramakidssussex.co.uk/holiday-clubs-theatre-school/

Self Pay Enrolment form on this link:

https://www.dramakidssussex.co.uk/enrolment-form/

Free Place Enrolment form on this link:

https://eequ.org/book/drama-and-dance-easter-holiday-club-with-drama-kids-sussex-and-dk-youth-theatre-12747



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