

# Headteacher's Update

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# Theme of the week 'Fullness of Life'

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10 NIV

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust you had a relaxing Easter break. The students certainly seem refreshed after their time off and ready for this summer term. It has been a pleasure to welcome them back and to hear all about their holidays. We celebrate some significant student successes in this newsletter; another reminder of how industrious and talented our student body is. A reminder that we run a

varied and full extra-curricular programme from 3:15-4:15pm Mondays to Fridays. Please encourage your children to make full use of this programme to develop their talents and interests. Please remember that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed on this date.

Mrs Price



We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff this term. Mr Nowicki joins us in History as a permanent member of staff. He will be taking Mrs Cager's classes for the summer term whilst she is on maternity leave. Miss Tack joins us in English; she will be taking a Year 8 English group and a Year 9 English group and some Year 7 History this term. Miss Dendy joins us as Head of Religion and Philosophy and PSHE. She will be taking Mrs Price's Year 10 RP groups this term and most of the KS3 RP. We are very pleased to

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## Forthcoming Events

1 <sup>st</sup> May	•	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
25 <sup>th</sup> May	•	Year 7 Parents' Evening
10th and 11 <sup>th</sup> July	•	Enrichment Days
19 <sup>th</sup> July	•	Summer Showcase

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welcome these experienced and talented colleagues to the team here at King's.

## Marathon Thank you



Thank you very much to all the staff, students and parents who supported our marathon team on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Mrs Price, Mr Walker, Mr Cornell and Miss Staples all got round the course despite the heat and very much appreciated all the cheers of encouragement, orange segments and jelly babies! With your support we managed to raise just over £2000 for our two chosen charities Children with Cancer and Rays of Sunshine and we all had a wonderfully fulfilling and memorable day. Thank you!

#### Gavin Man Piano Exam

Gavin Man, a Year 10 King's student, passed his Grade 8 piano examination recently with a distinction. Gavin is a very talented pianist who regularly plays for the school community at our Communion Services. Gavin also plays the violin to a very high level and excels in his academic work. Despite all his achievements Gavin is a very humble and personable young man and it is a pleasure to be able to call him a King's student. Well done Gavin!

#### **Mock General Election**

As you will be aware, the country is to go to polls again on Thursday 8 June. We will be running a mock general election in school on



this date with students standing for each of the major UK parties. Students will also be participating in specially designed tutor sessions to enable them to learn about how democracy works in the UK.

#### **End of Year Exams**

As we come to the final two terms all students will be completing an end of year exam in the majority of subjects. The dates for these exams are:



**Years 7, 8 and 9** – Week commencing the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July

Year 10 – Weeks commencing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June

We are doing the exams on these weeks to allow our staff time to mark and analyse results in order to help the students move forward with their studies. To help the Year 10 students in preparation for their GCSE exams next year we will be asking them to take their end of year exams in our drama studio, under official exam conditions. If you have any particular queries about the end of year exams please contact the front office who will be able to pass you on to the correct member of staff. Good luck everyone!

#### **Attendance**



Now that we are in the final third of the year we just want to remind parents that our target for attendance is 96% and students can still increase

their attendance figure by 4% from where it stands now.

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To aid some students, we will be starting attendance focus groups from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. These are aimed at students who have attendance between 86% and 91%. For these students, there will be a weekly small group session to attend, where they can access support for any attendance issues and get some extra work for anything missed this year.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance please contact Mr Bridges via the front office.

# Alfie Crane – Trip to Ghana

Alfie Crane, a Year 10 King's student, travelled to Ghana over the Easter break. He went out to the country to volunteer on a sporting programme for disadvantaged children. Alfie worked with the children coaching football and spending time getting to know them. He described the experience as 'eye-opening' and thoroughly enjoyed putting himself outside of his comfort zone to achieve something really worthwhile. Well done Alfie and thank you for being a great role model to other students through this trip.



# MENSA Challenge

This week's challenge: Replace each set of dashes with a four-letter word so that a chain is formed with each word suffixing the previous word and prefixing the following word. What are the missing words? CHEEK----MEAL----TABLE----HOUSE

Answer to the last challenge: shop, hops and posh

#### Extra-curricular

Please see the attachment for the extra-curricular clubs that are available to students this term.

# Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting 'Active Kids Vouchers', this scheme is a great way to add to our extra-curricular and sporting equipment. We would be most grateful for any vouchers you may have, please send them in with your child, or drop them off into the school office. Many thanks!



