

Theme of the week 'Success'

Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and He will help you.

Psalms 37:4-5 New Living Translation



Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust you and your children had an enjoyable half term break. It was wonderful to welcome back our ski trip last Saturday and to hear all about their adventures! It certainly sounds as though staff and students had a busy and rewarding week, full of joy and success. Well done and thank you to our students for representing our school so well; they were impeccably behaved throughout and a credit to us all. Thank you, also, to our fantastic staff team, led by Miss Bradley and Mr Bridges, who gave up their half term break to accompany our first ski trip. We hope to continue to run ski trips biannually and look forward to seeing future students take up this exciting opportunity

for a very memorable holiday. Please read on for more on the ski trip and for plenty of other school news.

Mrs Price

Student of the week



Year 7: Jessica in Spanish for her continued efforts and her participation in class.



Year 8: Tyreece for making a wonderful contribution to the ski trip.

Forthcoming Events

27th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Boys Football v Hove Park School, away. Kick off 3.30pm
28th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Netball Tournament @ Dorothy Stringer School. Starts 3.30pm
1st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Boys Football v BACA, away. Kick off 3.40pm Year 7 Netball Tournament @ Cardinal Newman School. Starts 3.30pm
2nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Boys Football v Dorothy Stringer School, away. Kick off 3.40pm Year 9 Netball v Blatchington Mill School, away. Starts 3.30pm
3rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Netball v Brighton & Hove High School, away. Starts 3.40pm.

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Year 9: Isobel in French for the excellent work she does and the effort she consistently puts into her lessons.

Year 10: Nanu for consistently mature and positive attitude to her studies.



Ski Trip



The half term ski trip to Bardonecchia was a fantastic success. Despite many students starting as complete beginners, everyone was exploring the mountains on blue and red runs by the end of the week. Aside from skiing, the students enjoyed bum-boarding, karaoke and dressing up for the disco as well as multiply Italian hot chocolates après ski. New friendships were forged, behaviour was outstanding and very few complained of injuries. A big thank you to Miss Bradley for superb organisation and the staff team who helped make this happen. We were incredibly proud of our students who were excellent ambassadors for King's School. Bring on the next one!

A web site is under development, where you will be able to log in and view the photographs taken on the trip. We will notify you when it is complete.

King's School Marathon Team



Mrs Price, Mr Walker, Miss Staples and Mr Cornell are running this year's Brighton Marathon on Sunday 9th April as 'Team King's'! The team are raising money for Children with Cancer (Polegate branch) and Rays of Sunshine. Both these charities have supported our students and we are hoping to raise a significant sum of money, to be divided equally between the two charities, to support their vital work. Team members are now running between 30-40 miles a week as training ramps up! We will keep you updated on their progress in future newsletters and hope many of you will want to take to the streets on the day to support them. If you would like to sponsor the team please see our fundraising pages: (Rays of Sunshine) <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KingsTeam2017> and (Children with Cancer) <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kings2017>

Thank you for your support.

Enrichment Day

As you know, our next Enrichment Day is on Tuesday 28th March and we are looking forward to venturing off timetable again for a day of educational visits and enriching experiences in school. Year 7 students will be going on a trip to the Globe Theatre or attending a Shakespeare day in school. A letter is going home about their day this week – please ensure reply slips are completed and returned regarding their choice of event. Year 8 students will either be going on a trip to Bodiam Castle or participating in a STEM day in school; Year 9 students will either be on the Trenches residential trip or they will participate in a PSHE day in school; all Year 10 students will all be involved in a 'Study Skills' day in school. We are pleased that Mr O'Sullivan from our sister school, Turing House, will be joining us for this day to work with Year 10. Further information will follow in forthcoming newsletters.

Hairspray – King's School Production!



The rush to secure tickets has well and truly started and they are selling like hot cakes! So, to avoid disappointment, purchase your tickets now at reception or through Scopay. The limited amount of tickets still available will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Below is a list of the

performance times and dates and the ticket prices:

Thursday 16th March

Matinee performance 1pm – limited seats are available with the majority of the seats being taken by primary school students. Ticket price: £5

Evening Performance 7pm – Ticket price: £8

Friday 17th March

Evening Performance 7pm – Ticket price: £8

Tickets will only be sold to King's students and their immediate families. Groups of students must be accompanied by an adult. All the performances will be at The Barn Theatre, which is located in Southwick Community Centre (website details below). Ticket costs support us with the hire of this fantastic venue. It would be great to see you at the performances, supporting the students and the school and enjoying an evening of musical theatre. We think the cast is fantastic and that you will love the show. Refreshments and programmes will be available on the evening. We are currently putting together the programme for the event and if you are a parent of a child at King's and would like to advertise your business in the programme, please contact our Finance Office on the school phone number, 01273 840004.

<http://www.southwickcommunitycentre.org.uk/contact.html>

Year 7&8 Rugby Festival at Hove Rugby Club

On Wednesday, twelve Year 7 and 8 students took part in a fantastic girls' rugby tournament at Hove Rugby Club. The afternoon was organised and led by Brighton's local RFU coaches, who worked alongside coaches from the rugby club itself. The girls participated in an adapted contact rugby tournament, against other local secondary schools. The twelve students were separated into two teams, who played four other schools in total. Both teams were able to beat Longhill High School, PACA and Brighton and Hove High School, and both lost to an exceptionally strong Varndean School team.

King's have been fortunate enough to taking part in the 'All School's Project', that the RFU have set up nationwide. We are one of six schools in Brighton and Hove that have received this available funding, which has allowed RFU coaches to come into our curriculum lessons and teach a range of our students. The girls showed some outstanding tackling skills throughout Wednesday's tournament, and were able to transfer their newly learnt rugby knowledge into a competitive environment. A huge well done to all of the girls, as always, they were a credit to King's.

Team 1: Molly Lambert, Carys Glazier, Ruby Wilson, Skye Vogel, Sophie Knight, Katy Kennedy and Caitlin Jutton.

Team 2: Hannah Brace, Kaddy Arana, Devina Smedley, Millie Paget, Eve Martin, Sienna Balmont and Erin Arthur.

Hove Rugby Club are looking to expand their U13 and U15 teams. Training is held at Hove Rugby ground from 10.30am every Sunday. It would be a fantastic opportunity for our girls to get involved with a local rugby club and to develop their skills further. Please see their website to send a direct email to Fiona Nehls, or call 01273 505103, if your daughter is interested.

U14 Girls Football at Hove Park

The U14 girls played an incredibly tough, penultimate football game against Hove Park. Not only was it their first game back after half term, but Hove Park stand top of the league. The girls demonstrated far better first touches than in previous fixtures, and were more confident dribbling with the ball in attack. More girls were backing up our strikers, providing us with some lovely throw-in set plays. At half time Hove Park were 1-0 up, with Hannah Brace making some outstanding saves in goal. Unfortunately as the second half went on, Hove Park were moving the ball around far better - stretching our defense. Overall the game finished 5-0 to Hove Park. As always, King's didn't drop their heads when losing, staying positive with one another. The squad included: Hannah Brace, Ellie Brace, Amelie Novy, Natalie Murdoch, Victoria Williams-Pope, Sienna Balmont, Emily Thomas, Skye Vogel (captain), Ruby Wilson, Shirin Mirzayasheva, Isabelle Viljoen and Evie Newman.

PTA Matters

The PTA met on the 6th February to discuss forthcoming fundraising events. They agreed to run a Student Disco for Key Stage 3 students (Years

7 to 9). This will be held in school on 6th April from 7-9pm and tickets will be available in due course. The PTA also agreed to hold a Summer Festival on Saturday 15th July and a Parents' Quiz Night on 10th November. Please get these dates in your diaries!