

Theme of the week 'Love'



Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust you had a good summer. The students certainly seem refreshed and ready for a new academic year and are full of tales of fun and adventure over the break. It has been wonderful to welcome our new cohort and to welcome back a Year 11 group for the first time; our school is full, busy and buzzing again with learning.

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We welcome several new members of teaching staff this term: Mrs Vincent, our new Assistant Headteacher and teacher of English; Mrs Grosvenor as our new Head of Arts and teacher of Drama; Mr Hunt and Mrs Coles in Science; Mr Mundy and Mr Bozic in Maths; Mrs Phelan in Art; Mr Parker-Sibun in English; and Mrs Orford-Kemmish our new Head of Year 10/11 and teacher of Business/ Computing. Additionally we welcome Mr Wilson as Data/Finance Officer; Mrs Nemeth as Science Technician and Mrs McCarthy as SEND Practitioner. We will feature 'pen portraits' of new staff in the newsletter over the coming weeks to introduce them to you. Thank you for your support in ensuring that students have returned looking smart and well equipped for learning. Our high standards do not let up with the change of the seasons! Please ensure students have a sensible winter coat, in a plain dark colour, and suitable school shoes. We hope that your children have enjoyed their return to school this autumn and we look forward to working with you to secure the best outcomes for them this year.

Mrs Price



Forthcoming Events

19th September	• Ski Trip Information Evening
20th September	• Year 11 Information Evening
20th September	• Whole School Photographs
21st September	• Year 10 Information Evening
28th September	• Open Evening

Permanent Site



We are delighted that the Planning Committee gave planning permission for our permanent site at West Blatchington on Wednesday this week. Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and positivity regarding our permanent site and for your support on this matter. Building work is scheduled to get underway at the end of next month and we are eagerly anticipating the first breaking of turf!

Open Events

Please note that our Open Evening for Year 6 students and their parents/carers is on Thursday 28th September from 5-8pm. No extra-curricular or KS4 'Period 7' will run on this date. There is no need for people to book to attend our Open Evening. We are also holding Open Mornings on 27th and 28th September and on 2nd and 3rd October: two sessions will run on all dates – 9:15-10:15am and 11:15-12:15pm. Bookings for our Open Mornings is available via our website. We look forward to welcoming plenty of prospective students and parents to our school.

Ski Trip Information Evening

Please note that we will be holding an information evening for the 2019 Ski Trip on Tuesday 19th September, from 6-7pm, in the school hall. All parents/carers of students in Years 7-10 are welcome to attend. There is no need to book – please just turn up on the evening.

Uniform

Thank you for your ongoing support of our uniform policy. Parents/carers will have been contacted if students have returned in unsuitable shoes. Parents/carers are reminded that school bags should be black and rucksack or messenger style only. Students are not permitted to wear socks over tights. Facial piercings are not permitted and students are only allowed to wear one stud in each ear lobe. Hair should not be dyed unnatural colours and make up should be restricted to discreet foundation only. Please ensure your child leaves home ready for school.

Nut & Seed Free Site

Please note that King's, like many local schools, is a nut and seed free site. That is, Harrisons Catering are vigilant in checking ingredients to adhere to this and any food brought in by staff and students from home must be treated in the same way. If your child brings any food to school, please check the ingredients first. One commonly mistaken ingredient is hummus due to the use of tahini. Similarly, please check hand lotions and lip balms don't contain nut oils as these can also trigger a reaction.

Year 11 Support for GCSE Exams

To support our Year 11 students we have put together a timetable of after school sessions that we are calling Period 7. If your child in Year 11 has been targeted for sessions, you will have been contacted already. Teachers have used results from Year 10 exams to select students for this extra support, which will focus on skills or knowledge for a specific subject/theme or on exam technique. Other schools locally and across the Russell Education Trust use this strategy and it is proven to support progress and boost attainment. Sessions will run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and students will be expected to attend. If you have any questions about this support, please contact our Head of Year 11, Mrs Orford-Kemmish. Please see the timetable below.

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From Monday 18th September – Friday 13th October

Day	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject	Subject
Monday	English Language: targeted sessions	History: targeted sessions	Spanish: targeted sessions	Music: targeted sessions	Art: catch-up for Art students who are not involved in other sessions.
Tuesday	English Literature: targeted sessions				
Wednesday	Science: targeted sessions	RP: targeted sessions	DT: targeted sessions	Science: silent study space for students wishing to attend who are not involved in other sessions.	DT: catch-up for DT students who are not involved in other sessions.
Thursday	Maths: targeted sessions	Geography: targeted sessions	French: targeted sessions	Music: rehearsal/ catch-up for musicians not involved in other sessions.	
Friday	Drama: All Drama students	Art: targeted sessions			

Extra Curricular Programme

The Autumn Term 2017 Extra-Curricular Programme has started this week. Our fantastic staff have offered their time and expertise to run a club for both KS3 and KS4 students. Please see the website for a link to the KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) and KS4 (Year 10 and 11) Extra-curricular Programme. Extra-curricular activities are a great way for students to develop new skills, meet new people and challenge themselves. In recognition of their time and effort in attending and positively participating in a club, we have introduced an awards system: Bronze - for attending a single club for 6 weeks, Silver - for attending three or more clubs for 6 weeks and Gold - for leading/supporting in an extra-curricular club/activity (e.g. coaching, modelling, creating a session). Students' participation and efforts will be monitored and awards will be gifted at three points throughout the year. We hope to see all students attending a club!

First GCSE Result!

We are very proud to announce that our first GCSE result was an A*! Congratulations to Gavin in our current Year 11 who secured the fantastic result in his GCSE Mandarin exam which he sat a year early. Gavin worked very hard to brush up his written Mandarin and to complete the controlled assessment elements of the course. We are absolutely delighted for him and hope for much more of the same next year!



Year 10 & 11 Information Evenings

On Wednesday 20th September, we are holding a Year 11 information evening to guide students in their next steps after leaving King's. The evening will offer a short

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talk and the opportunity to talk with representatives from seven local colleges. The evening will be 5:30-7:30pm and can be booked on our website via the Parents' Evening Booking System link. We strongly encourage all parents/carers and students to come along to learn more about their options.

On Thursday the 21st of September, there will be a Year 10 information evening. The aim of the evening will be to give parents clear information about Key Stage 4, the GCSE process and the timeline for the next couple of years. Subject leaders in the core subjects (English, Mathematics and Science) will also give short talks specific to their separate GCSEs and the requirements of each. If you would like to come along, please also book via the Parents' Evening Booking system: (<https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/parentsevening.php>).

Introducing the Faculty of the Arts

I am delighted to be joining King's at this exciting time for the school and uniting the Arts into one Faculty. Music, Drama and Art all allow students to explore issues, express themselves, make connections in the world and be empathetic, imaginative individuals. At a time some schools are squeezing these subjects it is wonderful to join a school that celebrates these opportunities to share and develop their creative skills. We have plenty of ideas about how we would like to take the Arts forward at King's, from in school showcases, to public performances at local venues, from trips to galleries, to visits to the theatre and concerts. I look forward to meeting you at future events and sharing the excellent work King's students create, whether artistic, dramatic or musical!

Mrs C Grosvenor

Student Council

Students will be able to put themselves forward to represent their tutor group as a Student Council member. The Student Council is a body of students, one representative from each year group, who discuss academic, school site and school community at least

once every term. They will represent the voice of their tutor group, discussing the students' ideas with other council members and then feeding their findings, opinions and ideas to King's Senior Leadership. If your son/daughter would like to represent their tutor group and form part of the Student Council, they need to prepare for a spoken presentation explaining why they think they should be a Student Council Member and pass this speech and their key points to their tutor by Thursday 21st September. The week commencing Monday 25th September, their tutor will give them the opportunity to present their reasons and ideas to their tutor group. The form will then vote anonymously for their favourite candidates and the new Student Council representative will be elected.

Student Leaders

King's School is introducing a new role for students this academic year - Student Leader. Our vision is to inspire academic success and a sense of community in a respectful and safe environment. We believe that students should have the opportunity to participate actively in King's School life by taking up roles and responsibilities throughout the year and be valued for their time and enthusiasm. The role of Student Leader will involve meeting and greeting visitors; being part of the interview panel for new staff members; supporting the school with parents' and open evenings; working closely with Heads of Department and Senior Leadership on the planning and running of events (i.e. Sports Day); and being actively involved in the development of subject departments (i.e. exploring new curriculum topics). If your son/daughter would like to apply to be a Student Leader they will need to complete an application form, which can be obtained from Reception and/or the School Website. Their written application needs to be submitted to Ms Petts by Friday 29th September 2017, shortlisted candidates will then be interviewed by Ms Petts and Mrs Vincent (Assistant Head) and will be informed by letter of the outcomes of their application.