

Theme of the week 'Responsibility'

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support them in their journeys towards the final exams this year. Students in the lower school are working well and demonstrating our core values of love, forgiveness, respect and responsibility in their daily interactions with each other and with staff. There is a calm feel to the school which has been much commented on by visitors during our open events. Next week is the final week before our two week half term. Intervention work is planned for many Year 11 students during the second week of the half term break in English, Maths, Science, DT and Drama and parents/carers will be receiving letters about this. I am grateful to our wonderful teaching staff who are pleased to spend some of their half term supporting our students in this way. Next week students will have the opportunity to attend an optional Communion Service during tutor time on Thursday; I hope that many will take this offer up.

Mrs Price



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy, purposeful week at King's. I continue to be impressed with the attitude and focus of our Year 11 cohort; they have a steely resolve to succeed and reach their potential in their GCSEs and it is our privilege to

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Forthcoming Events

10 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Mental Health Day Bake Off
12 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Settling In Parents' Evening 4-7pm
12 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke of Edinburgh Year 9 & 10 Meeting

Open Evening

An article written by Tess Talbot (Year 7).

On Thursday the 28th of September, it was our school's Open Evening. The atmosphere was amazing and every open classroom was packed! The activities in each room were unique, fun and engaging. All the year six students looked really excited.

At one point, I went into one of the talks and managed to catch a bit of Mrs Price's speech. It was brilliant and must have been really reassuring for the anxious parents and children. I know that last year her speech helped me make up my mind. Overall, I think the Open Evening was enjoyable for everyone.



Attendance

It has been a fantastic start to the year with the vast majority of students still sitting on 100% attendance. We will be continuing to celebrate student attendance throughout the year with tutor group and year competitions and an end of term celebration for students achieving 100% attendance and improved attendance.

Although we will be focussing on high attendance, every day missed will have a negative impact on your child's progress. We will therefore be sending letters out next week for all students with an attendance below 90%; continued absence below 90% is defined as persistent absence and will eventually lead to fines.

Year 11 Half Term Intervention

In line with how Brighton and Hove City Council envisioned the two week holiday working, we have not scheduled any intervention sessions in the first week of

this half term. All the sessions will run in the second week 23rd October to 27th October 2017. These sessions are group interventions focused on skills or an area of knowledge that your child needs support with. They may also be whole group sessions on a specific theme. Teachers have identified those students (or groups) who need additional support from the school's Y10 exam analysis and their progress at the start of Year 11. Intervention sessions are run by King's School staff and RET Advisors. The timetable for these sessions is as follows:

Tuesday 24th October	English
Wednesday 25th October	Science and Maths
Thursday 26th October	D&T, Drama
Friday 27th October	Music

We will be writing to parents of Year 11 students who have been identified for this intervention to confirm the sessions they are expected to attend. King's School staff will be doing everything possible to support your son/daughter to achieve well next summer and this support is one key strand of the Year 11 curriculum. This type of focused intervention is proven to support students in improving their exam grades and it is used effectively in both Russell Education Trust schools and local schools. Please contact Mrs Orford-Kemmish, our Head of Year 11, if you have any questions regarding the half term intervention sessions.

There will not be any sessions over the Christmas Holidays. However, there will be intervention in the February Half Term, during the Easter Holidays and in the May Half Term. Information about these sessions will be published nearer to the time. Thank you for your continued support of King's School.

Year 7 Settling In Evening

The Year 7 Settling in Evening will take place on Thursday 12th October from 4.30 until 7.00. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's tutor to discuss their transition to life at King's and to raise any concerns you might have. In addition, Mr Walker (Assistant Head pastoral), Miss Staples (Head of Year 7), Mrs Morley

(SEND Manager), and Mrs Gamon (Pastoral Support), will be available to discuss any specific concerns. Appointments can be made now via the school's website.

Year 9 Careers Day

On Friday the 8th of December, King's school will be having its first enrichment day of the year. On this day, all year groups do not follow their usual timetable and take part in focus days or trips. Students in year 9 will be focussing on their future career and starting the Key Stage 4 options process. To this end, we would like to ask if anyone is willing to come in and give a short talk about their career to the students. If you are interested in doing this and can spare the time, please contact Mr Bridges via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

School Newspaper

The school newspaper, The Purple Paper, is to undergo a name change with its triumphant return and revamp at the hands of Mr. Parker and a motley crew of students eager to write about the latest Kings' events, sports results and amusing articles on everything from teacher's secrets to student pets and hobbies! More journalists are required to help our editors create our student-fronted media so if you're interested in fostering a media career in the future, or just love writing/sticking your nose into things, come along to our meetings after school on Wednesdays in Room 21.

New Staff Profile

Mr Hunt joined King's in September 2017 as an NQT following schools direct training through Oriel High School and Brighton University. Mr Hunt is a Science teacher specialising in Physics and has a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mr Hunt enjoys kitesurfing, mountain biking and snowboarding and is enjoying introducing his young family to the great outdoors.



Contacting Mrs Price

Parents/carers are reminded that Mrs Price can be contacted via the new email address : head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk Please use this email address for any correspondence that needs to go to Mrs Price.

Open Events

The school has been buzzing this week with a steady stream of visitors for our open events. We have run eight open morning sessions as well as our Open Evening which was held last Thursday. All open events have been very well attended and there has been a very positive feel to these meetings with potential parents and students. Mrs Price gave three talks on Open Evening to full halls each time. The full text of Mrs Price's speech is available on the 'News' page of our website for anyone who was unable to attend. Our departments put on great activities for prospective students including an MFL café and a Maths Passport Challenge! We are grateful to all of our students who volunteered to help on Open Evening - over 100 of them! – and all the students who have run tours for our visitors on open mornings. They are an absolute credit to the school and to you as parents and carers. Due to high demand, we are running one final open morning session on Monday at 9am. We are already excited about welcoming our 2018 cohort!

Invigilators

With Year 11 mocks fast approaching at the end of November, we are looking to recruit a team of Examinations Invigilators for both the mocks and the summer exams series. Please see the job advert on the Vacancies page of the school website and note that the closing date has been moved to Monday 16th October, rather than 18th as previously stated.

Lockers

Maintenance work will be carried out on some student lockers over the half term break. Please ensure that your son/daughter removes their property and lock from their locker at the end of term, if they have one of

the following locker numbers: 73, 77, 81, 85, 89, 93, 97, 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 69, 65, 61, 57, 53, 49. This work is to make lockers safer to use, and students will be able to use their locker again after the break

Dropping Off/ Collecting Students

In order to reduce disruption to the neighbourhood, we encourage students to travel to school by foot, bike or bus and avoid being driven. However, we understand that this is sometimes the only viable option. If you are dropping off or collecting a child from Portslade Village, please be mindful of the local residents by turning off engines, not blocking driveways and making minimal noise. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cello Lessons

At King's we have a range of music teachers from Brighton &



Hove Arts Council offering lessons on site. Our resident cello teacher, Sam, has availability for Wednesday mornings. Please contact him directly on samuel.rowe@brightondome.org for more information – everyone welcome, from beginners to Grade 8s.

A poster for National Curry Week. The background is dark with various spices and a spoon. The text is white and yellow. The logo 'HARRISON food with thought' is in the top right corner.

Celebrate
National Curry Week

Monday 9th - Friday 13th October

Monday - Chicken Biryani, Naan Bread & Mango Chutney
Tuesday - Vegetable Samosa
Wednesday - Chicken Balti Skewers, Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Pie, Bombay Potatoes, Cauliflower & Raita
Thursday - Chicken Tikka Flatbread
Pizza for Break
Friday - Keema Curry & Rice in a Grab and Go