

Theme of the week 'Bravery'

For God
has not given us
a spirit of fear
but of **POWER**
LOVE and a
sound **MIND**.

2 Timothy 1:7



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe it is half term already! It has been a busy and rewarding half term and I am sure that students are ready for a break. Well done to our Year 7

students who have settled in very well and now seem quite at home in our community. It was lovely to welcome Year 7 parents this week to meet their children's tutors and discuss their first few weeks with us. Thank you to all students who have helped with our open events competed in our sports teams and represented our school so well in the local community to date this year. We are proud of you all. Well done to our Year 11 cohort who continue to impress with their academic focus and sense of urgency. I was delighted to be able to inform them about their exam venue this week. They are clear that they need to have a rest over half term but they need to balance this with getting homework done and preparing for the mock examinations which begin in the week commencing 20th November. We look forward to welcoming them in for intervention work in the second week of the half term. Please ensure that any necessary uniform and equipment items are purchased over half term so students come back refreshed and ready for the long run up to Christmas.

Mrs Price



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Forthcoming Events

13th October	• Start of Half Term Break
30th October	• INSET Day
31st October	• Students Return to School
8th November	• Memory Day

Student Council

It is with great excitement that I am announcing this year's elected Student Council members. Year 7: Daisy Fox (7P), Ella Sale (7E), Tess Talbot (7C) and Rupert Witherington (7G), Year 8: Diara David (8P), Devina Smedley (8E), Luke Parkinson (8C) and Sam Peirce (8G), Year 9: Taine O'Rourke (9P), Louis Mead (9E), Jude Kelly (9C) and Lila Marchant (9G), Year 10: Aidan Colclough (10P), Oak Harris (10E), Tommy Roberts (10C), Milly Dickinson (10G), Year 11: Oliver Parr (11P), Louis Johnson (11E), Harrison Coughlan (11C) and Alton Hatfield (11G). I wish you many congratulations on your successful appointments. I look forward to working with you, where we will ensure all students' voices are represented and work alongside staff members at King's to develop existing systems and implement your new, fantastic ideas. Please keep an eye-out for the minutes of each Student Council Meeting to be issued on the notice board in school and on the school website.

Ms Petts, Leader of Student Voice

Exam Arrangements

All Year 11 students and parents were informed this week that we have managed to secure alternative accommodation in which our Year 11 students will sit their mock and GCSE examinations. The majority of students will be sitting these examinations at the Portslade Baptist Church, South Street, BN41 2LE, which is a three minute walk from school and will provide very comfortable and quiet accommodation for the examination periods. The significant advantage to sitting examinations at the church is that students will not have to contend with the general noise that would be inevitably be present on our rather constrained temporary school site during lesson switch-overs and break. All Year 11 students will be given very clear instructions on where they need to be throughout the examination periods; and exam and revision timetables will be issued to students and their parents. We are confident that this alternative accommodation will give the majority of our students, who will sit their examinations in the large exam hall, the right venue in which they can perform to the best of their abilities.

INSET

A reminder that Monday 30th October is an INSET day and the school is closed to all students. Staff will be attending INSET sessions in central London and Twickenham with colleagues from across the Russell Education Trust. All students are expected back in school for an 8:30am lesson start on Tuesday 31st October.

Enrichment Day

December the 8th will be the first enrichment day of the year for King's School. On these days, the whole school comes off timetable so that we can focus on particular topics in more detail for the day in school as well as take students out of school on trips. On our first enrichment day, students will be offered the following:

- Year 7 – MFL trip to France/alternative in school
- Year 8 – History trip to Bodium castle or Geography trip to Birling Gap/alternative in school
- Year 9 – Careers day
- Year 10 – STEM activities
- Year 11 – Speaking and Listening assessments for English

Could I please ask all parents to return forms and permission slips for trips in good time? If your child is not going on a trip they will be expected in school, there will be separate in school activities for those in years 7 and 8. Students in school will be expected to be in full school uniform and a normal catering service will be available. If you have any queries, please contact the school using admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

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

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exam analysis and their progress at the start of Year 11. Intervention sessions are run by King's School staff and Russell Education Trust Advisors. The timetable for these sessions is as follows:

Tuesday 24th October	English
Wednesday 25th October	Science and Maths
Thursday 26th October	Design Technology
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-Kemish, 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 11 Sixth Form Applications

Our Year 11 students have been starting their sixth form applications recently. For parents' information, BHASVIC, Varndean College and Brighton Metropolitan College applications are all completed on the same online form. This should have been started in school with your child's tutor and can be continued out of school online. This application has to be complete by Friday 1st December. Students need to use their target grade as their predicted grade. If they are unsure of this, they should ask their teacher. We will continue to support the application process and will keep parents informed of the next steps on the timeline. If you have

any questions on sixth form applications, please contact Mr Bridges via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

New Staff Profile

Mr Mundy joined King's in September 2017 teaching Maths and Science and taking on a Year 7 tutor group. He has recently moved from Manchester, after completing his teacher training and NQT years in Oldham. Mr Mundy is a Physics graduate with an interest in all things musical, mathematical and scientific. He is a big fan of animals, particularly cats and sloths. He enjoys cooking almost all food, but cannot eat kiwi.



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 focusing 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

Table Tennis



King's took an A and a B team to the Brighton & Hove team tournament last week playing against several other Brighton schools. Our B team came 4th in their group with Cameron stepping in at the last minute and winning one of his matches. Our U13 A team won

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bronze, beating BACA, Varndean and Patcham B team in the 3rd/4th playoff. Well done to all the teams! Team: Elliot, Matti, Karl, Jack, Johnny, Reuben, Rupert and Cameron.

Our U16 team took gold at the Brighton and Hove team tournament. King's topped their group winning every match 4-0 against Newman A, Patcham B and Varndean. King's then continued their excellent form in the final defeating Patcham A 4-0 overall and securing a place at the East Sussex tournament after half term. Big congratulations to Charlie, Max (who is in year 7!), Joe and Rio.

PTA

The PTA's Vice-Chair, Mrs Dyer, has set up a Facebook page to bring together anyone interested in supporting the work of the PTA. A link to the page can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/158044851452172/>

SEND Coffee Morning

On Monday, the SEND department had an open morning to welcome parents to King's and put faces to names. We discussed the support offered in school with parents and shared some strategies for supporting the development of skills in literacy, organisation and memory. We have had some really useful and positive feedback from parents and look forward to having another open morning in the Spring term.

Bake Off

To mark International Mental Health Awareness Day, Mrs Eneke and Mrs Gamon invited staff and students to



take part in a Bake Off. Contestants were tasked with baking a cake that would put a smile on people's faces. As well as achieving many smiles, the event raised £72.85 and we will be crowning the Bake Off champions after the Half Term break.

Homework Timetable

Students in all years have been issued with a paper copy of their homework timetable. This indicates the day that students should expect homework to be issued for each individual subject. As students are in a range of sets these timetables are personalised to their classes. If parents would like an electronic copy of their child's homework timetable, they should contact admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk and they can be supplied with one.