

Theme of the week 'Epiphany'



routines at school. 2018 promises so much for King's: our first GCSE results; building work on our permanent site; and taking in our first cohort of 125 in September. We are ready to embrace it all! Students should be congratulated on making an excellent start to the new year; they have returned with positive attitudes and smart uniforms and are working hard and impressing their teachers. Please read on for important forthcoming dates and other information. Year 11 parents should especially note the article on the upcoming English and mathematics evening.

Mrs Price



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas feels a long time ago now! I hope you all had a good break and a peaceful, restorative festive period. It is great to be well settled into the New Year and back into our familiar

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Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents' evening on Thursday 4th January 2018. Attendance at the evening was very good and it was great to see parents who had met as King's founding parents and

Forthcoming Events

15th-17th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Geography Trip
18th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Parents' Evening
5th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 English & Maths Evening
8th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Parents' Evening

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were seeing each other for the final subject parents' evening for this year group at King's School. There was a lovely community feel, mixed with a purposeful focus on academic discussions around how individuals within the year group can improve performance from this point, aiming at the next round of mock exams and, ultimately, the GCSE exams in the summer. If you were unable to attend the evening, Mr Easton will be writing to you, offering appointments before the Year 11 English and Maths Curriculum Evening on Monday 5th February 2018.

Year 11 English & Mathematics Evening

All Year 11 parents have been sent a letter regarding a mathematics and English curriculum evening which we are running on Monday 5th February from 6-7pm in the school hall; parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend this evening. Mr Bridges and Mrs Vincent will be walking parents through the exam papers your children will be sitting in the summer. They will be advising on revision and ensuring that parents are clear on what students need to do to obtain the good grade 4 pass and to achieve higher grades. Please do all you can to clear this space in your diaries.

Internet Safety

We know that a lot of parents and carers are rightly concerned about their children's safety online. We would recommend the following guide to apps: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide/>

The website is not exhaustive but gives really good guidance and links regarding which apps to be wary of. Please do not hesitate to contact the safeguarding team if you have any concerns regarding your child's online presence or activities.

School Environment

Students are reminded that one of our core values is 'Responsibility'. We regularly encourage students to take responsibility for the school environment and to ensure they are not dropping litter or dirtying our communal facilities. We are grateful for the support of parents in helping our students to become young

people who tidy up after themselves, recycle where possible and take pride in looking after their learning environment.

2018 Admissions

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering 125 Year 7 places for September 2018 entry to meet the pressure for places at this school. As you may know, our PAN is 150 but we have had to offer no more than 100 places per year group in recent years due to the restrictions of our temporary site. This September we will be admitting 125 Year 7 students; and from September 2019 we expect to admit 150 Year 7 students, in line with our PAN, when we move to our permanent home in West Blatchington.

Brighton & Hove Buses

Brighton & Hove buses have released a new timetable which comes into effect on 14th January 2018. Please check new timings to ensure students' journeys to and from school are not disrupted.

<http://www.buses.co.uk/servicelisting.shtml>

Year 9 Parents' Evening

We are holding a Year 9 parents' evening on Thursday the 18th of January. This evening will be taking place from 4:30pm - 7:30pm.

This will be an opportunity to meet your child's subject teachers to discuss how they are progressing in their academic studies. The evening also offers a chance to speak to your child's subject teachers about their GCSE options and whether they would advise that your child takes certain subjects. Students will also be picking up their official Key Stage 4 options form during the evening. Appointments should be made using our online booking system. If you have any issues please contact us via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Reporting Absences

If your child is ill, there are several ways that you can let us know that your child will be absent from

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school: The phone lines in our main office are often very busy in the morning, so please use one of the following methods.

- Phone the main office number 01273 840004 and select option 1, where you can leave a message on the dedicated student absence line.
- Email attendance@kingschoolhove.org.uk
- Use the Studybugs app.

It is important that you contact us on each day of your child's absence, unless you know in advance how many days your child will be absent. We do not have a fixed period of time that students have to remain off school after a period of sickness. It is your decision, as parents/carers, as to when you feel that your child is well enough to return to school.

If you need to request an absence for your child, such as for a medical appointment, please email attendance@kingschoolhove.org.uk with all the necessary details. Parents/carers are reminded that absences will be treated as unauthorised unless the school is notified of the circumstances, and that all requests for holiday absences during term time will be unauthorised. Please see our absence policy via the school website for further details.

Inclusion Support Service Coffee Mornings

Brighton and Hove Inclusion Support Service are holding weekly coffee mornings at two locations, from 9:30-11:30am. These are tailored for parents/carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Condition. If you would like to book a space at any of the following coffee mornings, book a place by email andrew.palmer@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk or phoning 01273 293943.

Sibling Support

6th February at Hollingbury Learning Centre. *Come and share in the ways we can support siblings of children with ASC.*

Just Right

20th February at Group Room, Music & Arts Building. *Just Right is a system, developed here in Brighton & Hove, that uses colour zones to help children more*

effectively communicate how they are feeling and understand what makes them feel 'just right'. We will discuss how the system is being used in schools and how it can be adapted for use at home.

Comic Strip Conversations & Social Stories

27th February at Hollingbury Learning Centre. *How to use comic strip conversations and social stories to develop your child's social understanding.*

Just Right (repeat session)

1st March at Hollinbury Learning Centre.

Being Autistic

22nd March at Hollingbury Learning Centre. Simon Smith shares his experiences of being Autistic and how this affects his everyday life.

Education, Health, Care Plan: the EHCP Process

29th March at Hollingburt Learning Centre. Information from Amaze and the SEN team on how the process works.

Extra Curricular Cancellations

	On	Not Running	Not Running
Friday 12 th Jan	Hockey	Gymnastics	
Friday 19 th Jan	Gymnastics	Hockey	
Friday 26 th Jan		Hockey	Gymnastics
Friday 2 nd Feb	Gymnastics	Hockey	
Monday 5 th Feb		KS3 Drama Club	
Friday 9 th Feb	Hockey		
Half Term			
Friday 23 rd Feb		Gymnastics	Hockey
Friday 2 nd March	Gymnastics	Hockey	
Friday 9 th March	Gymnastics	Hockey	
Friday 16 th March	Hockey	Gymnastics	
Friday 23 rd March	Gymnastics		

Monday
25th March

KS3 Drama
Club

PORTSLADE GIRLS CRICKET HUBS



Portslade Leisure Centre
10 Weeks from Wed 17th Jan to Wed 21st March
2018
8-11 years: 5pm to 6pm
12+ years: 6pm to 7pm

To book a place for your child, please
visit our website using the QR code or
link below



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