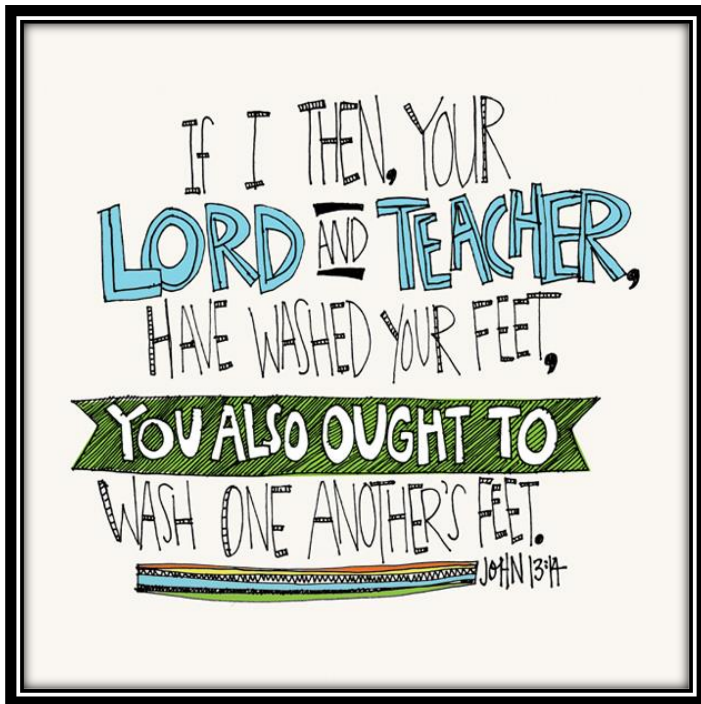


Theme of the week 'Leadership'



Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Easter. It has been good to welcome the students back to warmer weather this week following our INSET days and Year 11 revision sessions last week. As ever, this summer term is packed full: GCSE exams; summer exams for other year groups; enrichment days; Duke of Edinburgh expeditions;

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transition events; Sports Day; Awards' Evening... there is plenty to look forward to as the days lengthen and the mercury rises. Please read on for important information on forthcoming school events and ensure key dates are in your diaries.

Mrs Price



Whole School Photograph

We were blessed with good weather for our whole school photograph this Wednesday. Kittle photographers worked well with school staff to ensure an efficient process. The resulting whole school photograph will be available for purchase in due course. Year 11 also had a leavers' photograph taken which will also be made available for purchase. Going forwards, we intend to do a formal leavers' photograph each year

Forthcoming Events

24th April	• GCSE PE Moderation Day
26th/27th April	• GCSE Art Exam
26th April	• UKMT Maths Challenge
1st/2nd/3rd May	• GCSE Spanish Oral Exams

for Year 11 and a whole school photograph at least every five years.



Year 11 Parents' Seminar

On a surprisingly balmy Wednesday evening, we ran a revision and wellbeing seminar for Year 11 parents. The evening started with Mrs Price discussing how the school will be supporting students through the exam period. Mr Walker then talked about hints and tips for revision. Finally, Mrs Gamon, and Cathy Ward from the Brighton and Hove Wellbeing Service, talked about ways that parents' and carers can support their children and each other throughout this highly pressurised and stressful period; parents also shared their experiences and ideas on how they help their children at home.

All of the resources shared on the evening can be found on the school's website.

GCSE PE Moderation

The GCSE PE students will be moderated by an external AQA examiner on Tuesday 24th April as part of their final GCSE grade. Logistics for the day have been explained to students but please ensure that they are wearing full PE uniform and arrive to school promptly for an 8:30 start.

GCSE Art Exam Week

Our wonderful Year 11 Artists will be taking their actual GCSE exam on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th April with some being able to finish on Monday 30th April. This is the culmination of their two years' work in this subject and students are currently working hard to prepare for the exam, which is a 10 hour marathon! To support students Mrs Phelan is opening her Art room on Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th after school until 5.30pm. We wish our artists well with the preparation for these exams.

GCSE D&T Exam

Please note that the Design and Technology Innovation Challenge exam (A552/01 OCR) will take place on 9th & 10th May. D&T teachers will provide details of timings in the coming weeks. Please remind yourself of exam regulations by reading the Exams Handbook on the 'News' section of the website.

Attendance

As we move into the summer term, and a period of fantastic early summer like weather, it is important to remember the importance of good attendance. The school's attendance target is 96% and students who have an attendance below this are missing, on average, three days each term. There is a direct link between school attendance and student progress so please support us in ensuring that students are in school each day, ready to learn.

Footballs

As you are aware, we have limited playground space and do our best to accommodate a range of sports and games for students during morning and lunch break. Unfortunately, we have had a number of incidents where footballs have caused damage to school buildings. As a result, we have taken the decision to ban students from using traditional footballs for the time being. **From Monday 23rd April, traditional footballs will not be allowed in school. Any footballs on the playground will be confiscated.**

The school has instead purchased a number of heavy foam balls which students will be allowed to use for football instead. Students may collect a ball from the Office at the beginning of break and lunch, and should return it when their break is over. Parents/carers who wish to purchase their child a foam football are welcome to do so, but should ensure that this is clearly named prior to it coming into school.

DofE Bronze Expedition

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice overnight expedition over the INSET days went very well. 61 students navigated themselves from King's School to



Stoneywish Nature reserve and back up to Ditchling Beacon via Plumpton racecourse. All students showed great perseverance with a third of their weight on their backs, being self-sufficient camping for one night at least. King's students and staff went above and beyond with their high spirits and enjoyed the sunshine and challenge on Friday and Saturday to get ready for their assessed expedition in June. To stay up to date on DofE news follow on Twitter @DofE_KingsHove.

Exam Dates

Please note the following exam weeks for Years 7-10:

- Week commencing 21st May – Year 8 exams.
- Week commencing 4th June – Year 9 exams.
- Week commencing 18th June – Year 10 exams.
- Week commencing 25th June – Year 7 exams.
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Exams for these year groups will largely take place in these weeks – some exams may take place in the week before or the week after. Exams for years 7, 8 and 9 will take place during lessons in classrooms. Year 10 will be off timetable for the week of their exams. Some of their exams will take place in the Portslade Baptist Church (where they will sit their GCSEs) and some will take place in school. Teachers will give students guidance on what they need to revise and revision materials will be made available on Show My Homework and our VLE. The Year 10 exam timetable will be published in forthcoming newsletters and on our website.

Parenting Workshop

St Peter's Church, Brighton, are running a series of parenting workshops which are designed for all parents and carers of children (aged



10-18) to engage with the 'hot topics' of parenting today's teenagers. Although hosted in a church, all are welcome with or without a faith background. Questions can be directed to familylife@stpetersbrighton.org. Dates and topics are as follows:

Monday 21st May – Talking about sex and pornography with our teens

Rachel Gardner – founder of Romance Academy and best-selling author www.romanceacademy.org

Monday 4th June – Protecting our teens' mental and emotional health

Steve Marshall-Taylor, Deputy Headmaster, Brighton College

Monday 11th June – Navigating the online world

Charlotte Robertson, co-founder Digital Awareness UK www.digitalawarenessuk.com

Year 10 Netball

The King's Year 10 Netball team have had a fantastic season which finished on a high yesterday with a victory against Vardean with a final



score of 17-8. Anastasia was awarded Player of the Match yesterday as she effortlessly shot net after net along with the speedy assistance of Eloise. These swift movements were made all the easier by the fantastic Naomi, Lily, Ciara and Milly, who between them secured the ball after each centre and quickly moved their way up the court. Holding the defense was Victoria, Christina, Eliza and Emily who marked their players, ensuring we had the majority of possession. The girls have worked as a fantastic team and we have had a lot of fun this season. We are already looking forward to the next season!