



Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the week: FAITHFULNESS

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
- Hebrews 13:5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term already! The first seven weeks of this year have certainly flown in all the busyness of the new academic year and settling new students and new staff.

I hope that all of our students will have a well-deserved break over half term to enable them to recharge their batteries for the second half of term and the run in to Christmas.

We took the decision last November to have a one week autumn half term this year. Cardinal Newman have taken the same decision and all Brighton schools revert to a one week half term next autumn. We firmly believe this is the best decision for our students' learning and we are grateful to you for supporting us by not booking extended holidays this autumn over half term.

Year 11 have intervention sessions running in school on the Thursday and Friday of half term. Year 11 parents will have received letters regarding this. We are fortunate to have an RET English specialist, Mr Carey, coming into school on Friday 26th October to lead a poetry masterclass for all Year students. Please ensure students arrive on time for this (students should be in school for 8:45am, ready for a 9am start in the hall), prepared to get the most from it.

Mrs Price

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Forthcoming Events

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| 29 th October | • INSET DAY |
| 6 th December | • Year 9 Options' Evening |
| 7 th December | • Winter Enrichment Day |
| 11 th December | • Christmas Carol Service |

INSET Date Reminder

A final reminder that Monday 29th October is an INSET day; the school will be closed to all students on this date. Staff will be participating in a cross-Trust INSET day with colleagues from across the Russell Education Trust.

Training will centre on meeting the needs of average prior attainment students (those transitioning from primary with broadly average scaled scores). All students should return from the half-term break for an 8:30am start as usual on Tuesday 30th October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mrs Green organised a staff coffee morning in school on Monday 8th October.

Members of staff were invited to bake a cake to compete in a 'Bake Off'.

Staff then visited the staff room on Monday during break time to sample cakes, vote for their favourite and make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.



We had 11 bakers in total who made a fantastic effort to provide us with beautiful and delicious cakes. The event was well supported by staff and we ended up raising £152!

In third place in the bake off was Mrs Cornell; in second place was Ms Wood; and in first place was our very talented Science Technician and star baker Mrs Ford whose cake is shown in the accompanying photograph. This week it was the turn of the students to hold their Macmillan event, under the leadership of Year 9 student Holly Dyer. A full report will follow in our next newsletter.

Student of the Week



For **Year 7**, student of the week goes to Teddy. This is awarded for his change of attitude in Computing lessons - focus and motivation was great this week.

Student of the week for **Year 8** is Phebe. She was nominated for welcoming a new student and assisting in their integration.



Holly is our **Year 9** student of the week. Holly helped to organise a charity bakesale which raised over £150, showing leadership, entrepreneurialism and philanthropy. Well done Holly!

Year 10 student of the week is Charlie. Charlie was nominated for her excellent work leading worship. Thank you Charlie!



For **Year 11**, student of the week is Sonny. Sonny volunteered to deliver a boxing lesson to his CORE PE group, which Miss Staples described as "an engaging and intense session, which got every student involved!"

Arts Students of the Term

Our **Key Stage 3** arts students of the term are

- Art- Naomi Moore
- Music- Sophie Knight
- Drama- Teddy Deveson and Nicholas Bushara



All nominated for their exceptional effort and achievement

Key Stage 4 arts students of the term are:

- Art- Gracie Jones
- Music- Joseph Milne
- Drama- Isobel Doo Lawrie

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Our Key Stage 4 students were nominated to recognise their continued hard work and for an excellent start to their courses.

Staff Profile – Mrs Weir

I am excited to be joining King's this year, as the new Head of Geography.



I have worked in different schools across Brighton and Hove and in Hampshire. I am looking forward to developing the department as the school grows and moves in to the new site. Outside of school, I love spending time with my family and friends, being outdoors walking, watching Brighton play at the Amex and cooking. It is a real privilege to be joining the community here at King's. I look forward to meeting you soon.

GCSE Results 2018- Provisional Performance Tables

The Department for Education has now published the provisional performance tables for GCSE results 2018. The performance table for Brighton and Hove secondary schools can be reached by clicking on the link below.

Our congratulations and thanks to all the students and staff who worked so hard on an outstanding first set of GCSE results!

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=846&laname=brighton-and-hove&geographic=la&for=secondary&datasetFilter=provisional>

Netball Report

King's School Netball v BACA: 15.10.18

Our Year 8 netball team had their first fixture of the season against BACA. It was an incredibly tight game, with the result standing at 6-6 at half time.

There was some fantastic shooting by Jemima and Evie, despite the blinding sunshine. The girls brought the ball down patiently through the mid court, allowing both shooters to set themselves up, where they wanted to in the shooting circle. Our defence worked extremely hard in the final quarter, to make some crucial turn overs, which contributed to our final score, 10-7 to King's.

Well done to all of the girls involved for our first win: Jemima Roberts (captain), Evie Church, Sophie Whewell, Ella Kaps, Evie Potter, Abigail Renouf, Millie Bullivant, Freya Lambert and Tess Talbot. Player of the match was given to Ella Kaps.



Letters Home

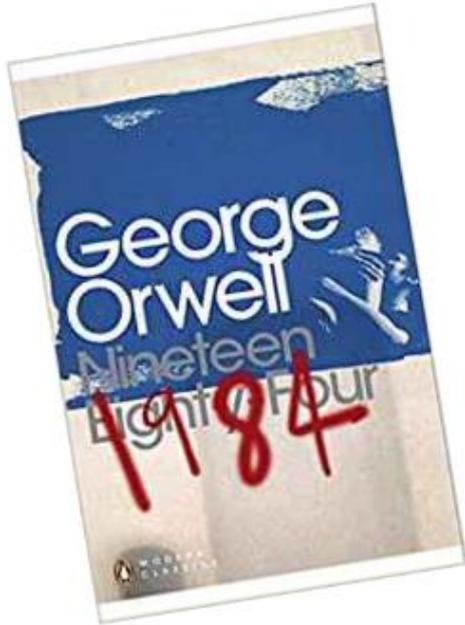
Year 7- Arras Christmas Market

Families of Year 7 students were sent a letter with information on a visit to Arras Christmas Market on the December enrichment day. To secure a place on the trip, a £30 deposit should be provided via ParentPay by 26th October. Please note that students will require a passport and EHIC for this trip.

Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance

Parents/carers of Year 11 students taking GCSE drama were sent a letter inviting them to attend a performance of work devised by the class. The performance will be 4-7pm on 1st November.

Copies of letters sent home can be found on the 'news' section of the website.



Do you ever feel like a slave to a tyrannical regime?

Do you wonder if you really are being watched at all times?

We'll be meeting to discuss George Orwell's dystopian depiction of the 'future'.

When? 3.15 on Wednesday 14th November

Where? Room 1.

Open to any Year 10 and Year 11 students.

"Being in a minority, even in a minority of one, did not make you mad. There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad."