

Theme of the week: ANTI-BULLYING -
ACCEPTANCE

For it is by grace
you have been saved,
through faith—and this
is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God.

— Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the nights draw in and the temperature drops our students are working harder than ever to reach their academic targets and their personal goals. Year 11 mock examinations start on Monday and run through until 30th November. The exam timetable is available on our website for parents and students to access freely: <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/Copy%20of%20FINAL%20MOCK%20TIMETABLE%202018-2019.pdf>.

Year 11 students are working well and committing to the process of preparation for their final exams. Thank you for supporting us to ensure that they keep up a good balance of revision and time off to ensure their wellbeing. It is very much a marathon and not a sprint! Whilst we keep a close focus on our own community, and inevitably get drawn into the richness of school life, we do not lose sight of the wider world.

I was immensely proud of the way in which the school observed our Act of Remembrance last Friday. The whole school gathered on the playground for a short service of readings, prayers, and a one minute silence heralded by Johnny Knight playing The Last Post on his trumpet. Head Boy and Head Girl, Alfie Wingfield and Eliza Phillips, laid a wreath and students were engaged

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Forthcoming Events

21st November	• Year 10 Parents' Evening
4th December	• King's Advent Beach Hut
6th December	• Year 9 Options Evening
7th December	• Winter Enrichment Day
11th December	• Christmas Carol Service

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in their own moment of reflection and thanksgiving for those who gave their lives for our freedom. It was a snapshot of our King's values of love, respect and responsibility in action.

As we move towards the end of term Christmas events begin to appear on the horizon! Please do note the date for our Carol Service (11th December at Bishop Hannington Church). We had a great turnout last year and would like to replicate and build on that this year to ensure a fitting Christmas service which provides us with the opportunity to gather us a community and worship as we give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ. All of Year 7 are being prepared to sing during the service and we very much hope that every Year 7 student will join us for this event.

Mrs Price

Reports and Parents' Evening Notices

Please note the following future dates:

- **Friday 16th November:** Year 7 & 10 Interim reports issued
- **Wed 21st November:** Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 6th December:** Year 9 Options Evening

Information on booking for parents' evenings, and reports and evening dates for other year groups will be provided in due course.

Staff Profile- Ms Furr



I am enjoying being part of King's as a mathematics and business teacher. I moved to Brighton when I attended university for a 3 year mathematics education degree. I took a job, offered during my final training placement, working as a mathematics teacher at The St Leonard's Academy, Hastings and worked there for 2 years before moving onto King's.

Although I have a love of mathematics, I also relish in spending time with my friends, cooking/baking, walking in the beautiful Sussex countryside and any sort of arts and crafts. Everyone has been extremely welcoming within the King's community and I feel blessed to be a part of it.

Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 Mock Exam seasons starts on the 19th of November and then runs for 2 weeks.

We are so pleased to see how so many of our students are rising to the challenge of these exams; GCSEPod has never been busier! We know it can be a stressful time for both students and parents so we pray at this time you'll experience some calmness in the middle of the storm. It is always a challenging time as well for the rest of the school as we take over the drama studio and most of the offices to deliver the exams in our small school.

We appreciate as always the support we receive from Portslade Baptist church who open their doors to us which is massively helpful and we also appreciate how well our Year 7-10 students work with us to make the process as smooth as possible for our Year 11 students.

Careers Day- 7th December

On December 7th our Year 9 students will be spending their Enrichment day focusing on Careers. Careers Education is very important to us as a school and we want to ensure that our pupils are both aware of the variety of careers available to them and also the variety of routes into these careers.

Last year our students really appreciated those parents who offered to come in and talk to Year 9 about their careers and so we'd like to offer this opportunity again. I'd really like to have volunteers from a variety of careers and background so if you think you can spare some time to do this (or know someone who could) then get in touch with me. I'd be looking for short presentations so nothing too long and you'd of course

be supported by King's Staff when presenting and by me in the preparation. If you can spare a few hours (or more) then do please get in touch with me through the office here. Together we can help make sure our young people are fully equipped for life after education.

Mr Cooke, Deputy Headteacher

Letters Home

All parents were sent information about the upcoming '**Safe and Well at School Survey**'. This is an annual survey which happens across Brighton and Hove, and aims to improve the safety, security and well being of students at school.

Enrichment Day

This week, letters went home to parents about events happening on our December Enrichment Day.

Year 7- Soap Making Event

Year 8- Stanmer Park/Portsmouth Historic Docks

Year 10- Stock Market Challenge

Parents of Year 10 Product Design students should have received information about the annual **Product Design trip to Harry Potter World**.

More information can be found in letters sent to parents. These are available via the 'news' section of our website.

If you are not receiving emails from the school, please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to ensure that we have a current email address on file for you.

Student of the week



Mr Fox has nominated Ruby from **Year 7** as Student of the Week for her continued hard work in her Science lessons and on going helpful approach.

Student of the week for **Year 8** is Jessica for a strong week of concentrated effort in Drama, English and Maths, as well as showing our school values in Spanish lessons and outside of the classroom, nominated by Mr Parker-Sibun.



In **Year 9**, Ms Weir has nominated Freddie as Student of the Week for always working very hard in his lessons and always participating in class.



Year 10 student of the week is Lila, nominated by Mrs O'Sullivan for excellent work during Art this week. Well done Lila!

Kitty is Student of the Week for **Year 11** for her improved commitment to her studies in history, nominated by Mrs Fleury-Beecham. Amazing job this week!



Beach Hut Advent Calendar

This year may be the final year that the **Beach Hut Advent Calendar** is running. King's will be opening a beach hut on **Tuesday 4th December**. Please come and support our students and staff; we would love to see you there.

Beyond Church, who have run the Advent calendar since its inception, are short of beach huts to open this year. If you or someone you know has access to a beach hut and would be happy for us to use it on the 4th December, please contact Mrs Vincent via the school office.

Cashless Catering

Please can we take this opportunity to remind families that King's is a cashless school, and all payments for dinner money and trips/events should be made via ParentPay. **Payments for dinner money, trips and events made by cash or cheque will be rejected.** If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the school finance office via finance@kingschoolhove.org.uk, or 01273 840 004 – option 2.

Free School Meals

Parents/carers of students who are eligible for free school meals are encouraged to make sure their son/daughter is registered as FSM eligible. For every Free School Meals eligible student, schools receive vital additional funding which supports our provision of support services and subsidies for trips and events.

We would encourage all families who are in receipt of tax credits (other than Working Tax Credit) to check their eligibility with Brighton and Hove FSM team. As well as being provided with a credit of £2.25 on their Dome Diner account each day, families in receipt of Free School Meals are eligible for support with the cost of curriculum related trips and materials.

More information about free school meals can be found on our website (<https://www.kingschoolhove.org.uk/free-school-meals.php>), including information on eligibility and how to apply.

Sport Report

Athletics

Our Year 7 girls' and boys' indoor athletic teams took part in the Brighton and Hove Indoor Athletic Championships recently to see who goes on to represent Brighton and Hove at the Sussex School Games.

There were some fantastic individual performances, as well as some strong relay team results, and all students

were a credit to King's school in their attitude and behaviour.

The girls came 7th in their group and the boys came 2nd, missing out on winning the whole tournament by 1 point to Dorothy Stringer!

It was a good performance by all involved and shows the talent we have to build on as the year progresses.



Table Tennis

It was great to see so many boys turn up to table tennis club this week in preparation for a tournament next week.

The boys were really engaged and got very competitive in the different tournaments we played. We are aware table tennis is a popular sport in school and are looking to see how we can increase the opportunity for students to get involved in competitions from after Christmas.

