

Theme of the week: EPIPHANY



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and that 2019 has started well for you. It has been great to welcome our students back over the last week and a half. They have made a good start to the new year, inside and outside of our classrooms. The Easter term is traditionally a term of real academic focus and progress as we step up the pace in advance of public exams in the summer for Year 11 and end of year exams and target reviews for other year groups. Staff are enthusiastically preparing our Year 11 cohort for their second series of mock exams and are committed to working extremely hard for our students further down the school as they chase their ambitious targets and make their small personal gains every day. Consistent hard work put in now in these long winter months will lead to rich rewards in the summer. Building work on our permanent site continues to progress on schedule and we are working towards handover in early August as planned. I will keep you updated as our exciting move inches closer! May 2019 be a wonderful year of growth for our whole community.

Mrs Price

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#### Forthcoming Events

17 <sup>th</sup> January	• Year 9 Parents' Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• High School Musical
15 <sup>th</sup> February	• Ski Trip Departs
14 <sup>th</sup> March	• Year 8 Parents' Evening

## Poverty Proofing Research

On Monday and Tuesday this week we had two researchers in school to explore our provision for students in receipt of financial support, through the governors' pupil premium funding scheme. Their detailed research work will lead to a comprehensive report which we will use to ensure that we are doing everything we can to bring about equality of opportunity for our students and to support all of our families. Thank you to all our parents and carers who completed questionnaires to support this work.

## English Teaching

As you will know, we have an exceptionally strong English department, led by Mrs Butcher. They achieved outstanding GCSE results last summer, and inspire our students daily through excellent teaching and their clear passion for the subject. You may be aware that Miss Hamilton left the school at Christmas. Ms Lowney, Deputy Headteacher and very experienced English teacher (former Head of Department at her previous school), has taken over Miss Hamilton's Year 10 group. They have made a strong start to the term, beginning their study of 'Lord of the Flies'. Miss Hamilton's Key Stage 3 groups have been taken over by other members of the department and will be following the standard schemes of work. We are currently recruiting for a long term replacement for Miss Hamilton and will keep you informed of any appointment.

## Severe Weather

As the cold weather bites we wanted to remind you of our severe weather procedures, in case these are needed this winter. We do not take any decision to close the school lightly and are well aware of the inconvenience closures cause to our parents and carers. Please be assured that we will only close if severe weather makes our site dangerous, or if students cannot travel to the school because of the suspension of public transport services. Any decision to close the school will be communicated before 7am. A closure notice will be put on our website and a tweet will be issued. We will also email/text all parents whose

contact details we hold. Local radio stations will be notified and the Local Authority will also be notified so that they can update their online school closure pages. We will keep parents informed during the closure as to when the school will reopen. As an alternative to full closure, the Headteacher may decide to open the school late and/or allow a uniform change to enable the school to stay open during severe weather. Again, any decision on late opening or uniform changes will be communicated to you via text, email, website and Twitter. We are looking into a method of obtaining your advance consent to release students from school during the school day in the event of severe weather which comes on part way through the day and will keep you updated on this.

## Winter Term Awards 2018

The Head of Year 7 award went to Melissa Hyman.

The Head of Year 8 award went to Freya Lambert.

The Head of Year 9 award went to Alexander Martyn.

The Head of Year 10 award went to Theo Dawson.

The Head of Year 11 award went to Anastasia Gray.

The Headteachers' Awards went to Rosalia Allen (Year 10) and Samuel Peirce (Year 9).

Well done to all!

## Cross Country Success

On Wednesday our cross country teams went to Waterhall for the annual Brighton and Hove Cross Country Championships. We had boys and girls competing from Years 7-9, as well as a team of Year 10 & 11 girls, showing good participation from across the school. Our runners ran distances of 3-5km over undulating terrain, as well as the large hill to run/walk up and down! All our runners did the school proud, with some stand out performances: Louis Opoku coming 15<sup>th</sup> after a collision robbing him of a top ten finish, William Muzio and Solomon Kendrick coming 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively, Ruby Wilson coming 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ciara and Emily Muzio coming 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively, along with Milly Dickinson winning the U16 race by a long way, showing

her speed and endurance around the course. Once the results had been calculated, we found out that our U16 girls team came 1<sup>st</sup>! A fantastic performance from them and well done to all the runners!

### Creative Writing Competition

In Term 2, the English Department were involved in a Creative Writing Competition which took place across all five Trust (RET) schools. The task was to produce (independently) a piece of Flash Fiction, based around one of the 6 Cs of the NHS (compassion, commitment, care, courage, competence and communication).

I was bowled over by the number of brilliant entries and read them all, but eventually had to whittle them down to the finalists.

Three finalists were selected: Molly from Key Stage 3, and from Key Stage 4 - Caleb and Candice. On Thursday 13th December, the finalists accompanied me to the Poetry Cafe in Covent Garden for a winners' ceremony, where we were met by author Jenny Rooney. Jenny is a successful novelist whose 'Red Joan' has been made into a film, due for release in March, starring Judy Dench. The finalists' entries from all schools have been collected and will be produced in book form.

Jenny was highly impressed with the quality of the entries and Molly and Caleb won for their Key Stages across all 5 of the schools!

The competition was such a success. It will be running yearly and is open to all students, so keep an eye out for the next round.

Mrs Butcher  
*Head of English*



### Enrichment Day

Thank you for your support of our December Enrichment Day which ran very successfully just after our Ofsted inspection. Please find below some photos of our day.



# King's School



King's School Hove's

Production of

Disney's

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MUSICAL



Book by DAVID SIMPATICO

Songs by  
MATTHEW GERRARD & ROBBIE NEVIL, RAY CHAM  
GREG CHAM & ANDREW SEELEY, RANDY PETERSON & KEVIN QUINN  
ANDY DODD & ADAM WATTS, BRYAN LOUISELLE  
DAVID N. LAWRENCE & FAYE GREENBERG, JAMIE HOUSTON

Music adapted, arranged and produced by BRYAN LOUISELLE

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie  
Written by PETER BAROSOCCHINI

13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 7.00pm

Southwick Barn Theatre  
Southwick Street, BN42 4TE

Tickets on sale from 14<sup>th</sup> January £10 via ParentPay