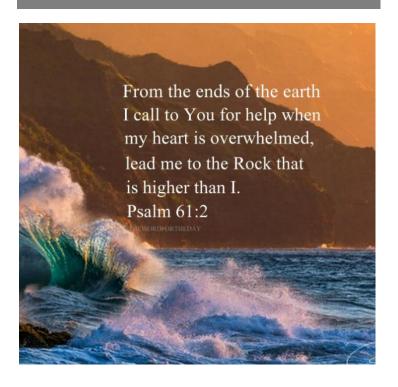


Headteacher's Update

No 221 23rd June 2023

Theme of the Week: A Beautiful Environment – The Downs



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the support you have shown us since I sent the letter this week regarding forthcoming industrial action. I very much appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding. School staff do not

take the decision to take industrial action lightly; the vast majority of professionals working in education currently are very concerned by the ongoing underfunding of our state schools and the impact this is having on staff recruitment and retention, and on student outcomes and their enjoyment of education. I sincerely hope that a satisfactory resolution to the dispute will be found soon so that the disruption does not continue into the new academic year. Congratulations to our Year 11 cohort who have now finished their GCSE exams. We look forward to celebrating with them at their Prom on 6th July. I have included a list of key dates for the remainder of this term in this newsletter to aid your planning - it's very busy in the run up to the summer break!

I wish you all a good weekend.

Mrs Price

Theme of the Week

Students have been continuing to explore our city of Brighton and Hove in tutor worship this week and have been focusing on the beautiful environment we enjoy in our city and surrounding areas and learning more about

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Forthcoming Events

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Thursday 29 th June	 Summer Music Showcase
Friday 30 th June	PTA Walk and Talk
Tuesday 4 th July	Awards' Evening
	Year 12 Induction Day
	 Year 9 Tetanus / Diphtheria /
	Polio and Meningitis ACWY
	vaccination
Thursday 6 th July	Year 11 Prom
	INSET Day
	Year 6 Induction
Monday 10 th - Tuesday 11 th	Enrichment Days
July	

the history of the South Downs National Park. The Bible encourages us to praise God for the beautiful world He created, and it has been good to take some time this week to do just that. Perhaps you could talk to your children this weekend about how they interact with our local environment and how they might explore it further this summer.

King's Sixth Form

We are pleased to show you our newly decorated 6thform social and study rooms. The Year 11 focus group did an excellent job of picking natural colours and furnishings, which look even better in real life.

The social area will be a place to relax, eat, and socialise, and the study room will be a quiet area for the students to work in. The rooms have integrated laptops and USB charging points, Wi-Fi connectivity and TV screens for presentations. The students will enter the rooms using their access control ID badge, which also signs them into the school. The rooms are very different from the rest of the school, and will provide a bespoke, beautiful environment for our Sixth Form students. We look forward to showing you pictures of the cafe servery area soon, where the students will be able to buy good coffee and various meals and snack options.

A reminder that we are still accepting applications for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2023 and students can complete the short application form on our website here: https://kings.ret.systems/application/login

We are excited to extend our provision to this new Key Stage and are confident that we can offer students distinctive provision in the city.

- Be known
- Outstanding Pastoral Support
- Small class sizes
- Excellent teaching and learning
- Leadership opportunities
- Bespoke careers and UCAS advice

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Coles at sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk



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Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the opportunity to fill in a parent/carer survey this year. We received 141 responses in total. Mrs Price will write to all parents/carers before the end of term with feedback on the results of the survey and planned actions arising.

NEU Industrial Action 5th and 7th July

Mrs Price has written to parents/carers of all current students, and parents/carers of our new incoming Year 7 students, regarding the forthcoming industrial action by the National Education Union which is scheduled for 5th and 7th July. Key points from the letters are as follows:

- Thursday 6th July is now an INSET day. We will be running Year 6 transition on this date (in line with all other secondary schools across the city). The school will be closed to all current students.
- Students in our current Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 should not attend school on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. Some lessons will run online for these students where staff are available for teaching.

 Awards' Evening has moved to Tuesday 4th July, 5:30-7:00pm. If your child is to receive an award this year you will receive an invite to this event next week.

Student of the Week

Students of the week	
Year 7	Finn E
Year 8	Ada K
Year 9	Danny W
Year 10	Harry K

Dates for your Diary

It's a busy half term and we thought it might be helpful to group all the important dates in the run up to the summer holidays in one place:

- Friday 30th June: PTA Walk and Talk (am)
- Tuesday 4th July: Awards' Evening, beginning at 5:30pm. Parents/carers of award winners will receive invitations
- Tuesday 4th July: Year 12 Induction Day
- Wednesday 5th July: New Parents' Evening 5:30-7:00pm (for parents of incoming Year 7 cohort)
- Thursday 6th July: Year 11 Prom at the Amex
- Thursday 6th July: INSET DAY (school closed to students - some will be invited in to support Year 6 Induction day)
- Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July: Enrichment Days - whole school off usual timetable with trips and events running
- Wednesday 12th July: Sixth Form Information Evening for all current Year 10 parents/carers, 6-7pm
- Friday 14th July: Sports Day at the Withdean stadium (parents/carers will be invited to spectate)
- Wednesday 19th July: King's Day whole school off usual timetable for a day of community fun and thanksgiving
- Thursday 20th: Last day of term all students will be dismissed by 12:30pm

Summer Showcase Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the students who are performing in the Summer Showcase on Thursday 29th

June, these can be bought on Parent Pay for £3 per ticket. Tickets will be released for everyone else and can be bought from Monday 26th June, also on Parent Pay. Please do come to our wonderful musical celebration of talent that we have here at King's; everyone is welcome! The show will start promptly at 7pm and we anticipate a 9pm finish. Refreshments will be available.

Catering Balances

Please ensure that you clear any catering debts on your ParentPay account by the end of this term.

Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis
ACWY vaccination (Teenage Booster vaccination)

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Tuesday 4**th **July** to administer the Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations (previously known as the Teenage Booster vaccination) to students in Year 9. Parents and carers of Year 9 students will have received a reminder email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for these vaccinations.

The online consent form must be completed by 11am on Thursday 29th June, in order for them to be included in the vaccination session at school on 4th July.

Please note that vaccinations will not be given without parental consent.

KS3 Home Learning Project – Extended Deadline

In light of the INSET day now scheduled for Thursday 6th July, the deadline for the KS3 Home Learning project to be completed will be extended to **Tuesday 11th July**. Students will present their work back to their tutor group – in their chosen format – from Wednesday 12th July. Please find the link to Mrs Vincent's explanation for students here https://vimeo.com/830252663/d6adf9e744?share=co

The information document in the video has been set on Bromcom for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. A copy of this document can also be found here https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/documents/curriculum/KS3HLP Summer23.pdf.

Enrichment

Our next Whole School Enrichment Days are fast approaching On Monday 10th July and Tuesday 11th July.

Students are taking part in a number of events both in and out of school.

If your child is going on trip over the two days then you will be receiving a letter outlining final plans including the timings of the day(s).

For all events in school the day will be running from 9:00 until 14:30.

Year 7

- Blacklands Farm Residential
- In team building, games and crafts

Year 8

- Thorpe Park trip
- Theme Park Enterprise Day

Year 9

- Paris Residential
- Lodge Hill Retreat reflection and adventure
- In team building, games and crafts
- Islamophobia Day

Year 10

- Paris Residential
- Sixth Former for the Day
- London History Trip
- Brighton Coastal Zip Wire and Yellow Wave

If you have any queries, please get in touch.

Mr Walker

Assistant Headteacher

Parent Adoption and Fostering Group: Tuesday 4th July

We are looking forward to hosting our final parent adoption and fostering group for this academic year on Tuesday 4th July. The meeting will be running from

18:00-20:00, and we are hoping to have some of our new foster carers and adoptive parents from our new Year 7 student cohort. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Staples or Mrs Morley via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Once on this Island

On Friday 9th June myself and Ms Woods took a group of Year 10 GCSE Music students to the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre to see "Once on this island".

It is a <u>coming-of-age one-act stage musical</u> with book and lyrics by <u>Lynn Ahrens</u> and music by <u>Stephen Flaherty</u>. It is based on the 1985 novel *My Love, My Love; or, The Peasant Girl* by <u>Rosa Guy</u>, a <u>Caribbean-set retelling of Hans Christian Andersen</u>'s fairy tale <u>The Little Mermaid</u>. It concerns a peasant girl in the <u>French Antilles</u> who falls in love with a rich boy and makes a deal with the gods to save his life.

The show itself is incredible, with difficult music, many key changes and complex syncopated patterns. However, it was the performers who really took our breath away with their powerful, rich voices, beautiful harmonies and heart-rendering songs. Caribbean rhythms and syncopated patterns floated through the warm London air as we watched this non-stop 90-minute roller-coaster of a musical before we headed home back to Hove. The students were as brilliant as ever, beautifully behaved and a joy to be with on a warm Friday evening!

Mrs Brennan

Lead Teacher of Music



National Schools Sports' Week: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June

This week, many of our KS3 students marked National Schools Sports Week, by competing in different interhouse sports events. It was fantastic to see such a range of students participating in these events, earning points for their house. Results were as follows:

	Benchball	Rounders	Football	Netball
1 st	В	В	G	С
2 nd	R	Р	E	B, E & G
3 rd	Р	C, E, G & R	С	P & R
4 th	G		В	
5 th	C & E		Р	
6 th			R	

Year 7 Rounders

Congratulations to our Year 7 rounders team – they won the Brighton and Hove tournament on Tuesday! They won every game against Blatch, Varndean, BACA, PACA, Stringer and Patcham. They showed brilliant skill in their fielding, bowling and batting, as well as growing in their communication about the tactics when fielding.

Owen K

A big well done to Owen K who took part in the London to Brighton bike ride last Saturday for the British Heart Foundation.



Oasis Foodbank

The Oasis Foodbank is based on Hangleton Road and are open every Wednesday from 10-12pm to serve the community in the North Hangleton Area. They are a Trussels Trust Foodbank and part of their large network of Foodbanks all across the country. For more information, please click the link below.

https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/shoreham/

Year 10 Old Police Cells Museum Visit 19-20th June

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, three Year 10 History classes travelled to Brighton Town Hall to visit the Old Police Cells Museum. We were incredibly lucky to be led by their Education Leader, ex-student Angelica Blake Lawson. Angelica's team of dedicated enthusiasts were made up of university lecturer, a retired officer and a local history enthusiast. Year 10 were guided through three sessions focusing on women in policing, the history of Brighton cells and crime and a revision session on change and continuity of prisons from the 18th and 19th Century. Students were asked to enter a debate on extent of reform of which they were raised by the team. Students commented that they also

particularly enjoyed the finger printing station where they took their prints and created elaborate crimes they were booked for. Students also mentioned that they were particularly taken by Mark's session on prison change helped consolidate our learning and understanding of change and progress. Year 10 also mentioned that they found the information around Mods and Rockers interesting along with the recreation of the Albion Hotel's IRA bombing. Overall, another successful trip where students fully engaged and represented the school in public very well with their excellent behaviour and attitude. A massive well done from me!

Mrs Cager



PTA

The PTA have the following upcoming events:

- Friday 30th June Parent/Carer Walk and Talk
- Thursday 14th September Colour Run

The PTA walk and talk will run on Friday 30th June. Please feel free to come up to school to speak with the PTA even if you are not joining the walk, they will be selling second hand uniform.

Speakers for Schools

Broadcasts are a great way for students to hear directly from leading figures from a range of industries, and have the opportunity to ask questions via a moderated Q&A. Speakers for school provide live and recorded broadcasts for students to participate in. Watch prerecorded broadcasts from the library here. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Tuesday 27th June	
	10 – 10:45am	
Speaker	NHS75 Medicine Unboxed	
	Samir Guglani, NHS Oncologist, Author and Director of	
	Medicine Unboxed	
	KS3-5 / S1-6	
Info	Join us and Dr. Sam as we talk to him about his work as the Director and Curator of Medicine Unboxed - 'VOICES' & 'MATTER', a series of conversations exploring the fragility and wonder of life, human mortality, social justice, science and care as viewed through medicine and the arts. Hear about what this project is and why it matters. Learn more about other aspects of being a Doctor outside of the hospital. This broadcast is part of NHS75	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	

Date	Tuesday 27th June	
	10 – 10:45	
Speaker	Networking the Nation Sponsored by Virgin Media O2	
	KS3-5 / S1-6	
Info	What does it take to work for the UK's biggest network? Join Virgin Media O2's 'Connecting Futures' programme, where you will learn about the people on a mission to upgrade the UK. Discover the talent behind the organisation and the routes for you to join the team.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	

Date	Wednesday 28 th June
	2:00- 2:45pm
Speaker	PRIDE: FINDING MY WAY
	Andrew Amery, Director, R3S Global, Former Head of Security for the 2012 London Olympic & Paralympic Games, Former Major Event Protection Planner,
	Metropolitan Police
	KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Join us in this online broadcast that celebrates Pride, where we will hear from Andrew who will be delivering a talk entitled 'Finding My Way' about his personal experiences and perspective on how society has changed over the years and how he has found happiness in expressing and being himself at work and in his personal life.
	Click <u>here</u> to register

Date	Thursday 29 th June 2-2:45pm
Speaker	WINDRUSH 75 TH ANNIVERSARY TALK Basil Watson CD, Artist and Sculptor
	For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Join us on Thursday 29th June for a special Broadcast as part of our Windrush Anniversary Campaign with Basil Watson CD, Artist and Sculptor. In this broadcast, we will hear about the process of creating the National Windrush Monument, unveiled last year in Waterloo Station, London and its historical significance.
	Click <u>here</u> to register

Date	Friday 30 th June 11-11:45am	
Speaker	Are you GAME? Paul Walton, Historian, Brand Strategist & Innovator	
	For KS3-5/S1-6	
Info	In this broadcast we will be looking at what it takes to start a business and be your own boss — we will be answering several questions: how do you build a business? How do you build a brand? And how do you make a pitch? There will be a lot to think about and it calls for a lot of transferable skills, including STEM. Get a chance to ask questions and hear from an expert — Are You G.A.M.E?	

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